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## Hijackers fly out of Algeria

ALGIERS, April 20. (UPI): The hijackers of the Kuwait Airways jumbo jet flew out of Algeria today on a special plane, Kuwaiti sources said.

Sources close to the Kuwait delegation at Algiers said the air pirates "already have been flown out to an undisclosed destination" aboard a special plane, in line with a guarantee of safe passage provided by Algerian authorities.

The hijackers slipped out of the Kuwaiti Airways jetliner at 5:40 am.

The sources did not say where the gunmen were taken. But diplomatic sources said the most likely destination was mainly West Beirut, headquarters of the Hezbollah Shite militia to which the hijackers are suspected to belong.

After vowing in a pre-dawn statement to continue their failed mission another day, the Arabic-speaking hijackers apparently slipped from the plane 20 minutes before the captives.

A source close to a Kuwaiti negotiating delegation at the airport said the hijackers were taken away by Algerian officials.

### Refused

But Algerian Interior Minister El Hadi Khediri, who led negotiations from the time the hijacked jumbo jet arrived in Algiers a week ago, refused to disclose details of any agreement between the hijackers and Kuwaiti officials, saying "that is a question which concerns (only) Algeria."

He also refused to say what would become of the gunmen.

### Truce offer

BAGHDAD, April 20. (Reuters): Iraq offered Iran a conditional halt to attacks on civilian centres in their war of the cities, saying it would observe the ceasefire from midnight today. (See Page 2)

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Low water: 9.00 am, 10.00 pm  
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Sunset: 6.18 pm  
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Kuwait: 33°C 91°F  
Fallaka: 28°C 82°F  
Maximum temperature expected:  
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Ahmadi: 27°C 81°F  
Fallaka: 28°C 82°F  
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Ahmadi: 64 per cent  
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FRIDAY	3.40 am
Imsak	6.19 pm

## Air pirates abandon their bid

# Hijack drama ends, all hostages freed

From Jadranka Porter

ALGIERS, April 20: The hijack drama which had gripped the world for more than 15 days almost to the minute came to an end early this morning, with 31 hostages and eight hijackers leaving the plane, going in different directions. The hijackers abandoned their bid to free 17 jailed terrorists in Kuwait.

The Kuwait News Agency (Kuna) said no deals were struck with the hijackers except for safe conduct either to Iran or Lebanon.

The hostages' first pace of freedom came at 6:00 am (0500 GMT), 20 minutes after the hijackers were themselves escorted from the plane.

The hostages, some unsteady on their seats, some shaken with emotion, were unshaven, bedraggled in blood-shot eyes and pale faces spoke volumes of their ordeal.

They waved and smiled at waiting journalists more in relief than joy.

### Happy

At the press conference later, the hostages said they were relieved and happy to be free.

Their hands had been tied throughout their ordeal. Many said they believed they were going to be killed.

They were not aware that two of their fellow passengers had been killed when the plane was in Larnaca.

One described one of the hijackers as having expressionless eyes, the eyes of a shark.

Another described how a pistol was placed over his head, then two shots fired into the air, a joke for the hijackers but frightening for the passengers.

The first to leave the plane were the three members of the Kuwaiti royal family.

The two sisters walked down the stairs followed by their brother Fadhel Al Sabah who looked feeble in health and assisted by security men. At 5:40 am (0440 GMT), the hijackers were seen leaving the plane. While the hostages disembarked at 6:00 am (0500 GMT), and got onto the bus.

The three members of the royal family were whisked away in limousines. So were the hijackers to an unknown destination. The rest of the hostages entered the VIP lounge before leaving for the military hospital.



A woman who was held hostage on the hijacked Kuwaiti plane is helped from the plane after she was released. (Reuter wirephoto)



Two Kuwaiti passengers tell of their ordeal. (Reuter wirephoto)

were walking, saw new faces and heard people speaking in the Algerian Arabic dialect.

They also saw the hijackers wiping out their fingerprints within the aircraft.

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### Expression

The released hostages said they used facial expression to communicate as they were not allowed to talk.

Al Rajak Majdoor, the Egyptian purser of the plane said: "In the beginning I was thinking of death.

Ali, a 26-year-old fire brigade officer said he never knew anyone was killed. He said three Al Sabah family members were together and received worse treatment than anyone else.

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### Situation

In the latest statement just after 5:00 am (0400 GMT), the hijackers said that the third day of Ramadan will be the last day of hijack, in view of the fact that Algeria, the state and the people are fully aware of the situation surrounding "their brothers" and that it has embraced the cause of the oppressed.

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## Amir congratulated

HH the Amir yesterday received phone calls from the Amir of Bahrain Sheikh Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, Amir of Qatar, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani and the President of the UAE, Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan congratulating the Amir on the end of the hijacking of the Kuwaiti airliner and the release of the hostages.

Thatcher's office added:

"Those responsible ought without question to be brought to justice. If terrorists are allowed to escape unpunished it will only lead to more hijacking and more hostage-taking".

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah sent a cable of congratulations to the Amir on the peaceful end to the hijacking.

The Crown Prince congratulated the Amir for the victory of the country's will.

Sheikh Saad received congratulatory calls from Saudi Crown Prince, the Crown Prince and Defence Minister of Qatar, they could finally begin celebrating.



Kuwaitis celebrating the release of the hostages, drive along the coastal road waving Kuwaiti flags and honking their horns. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Nation rejoices

By Lima Al Khalafawi

THE whole country yesterday celebrated the release of the remaining passengers from the hijacked Kuwait Airways jumbo jet in Algiers.

Drivers blew their horns, waved the Kuwaiti flag and played patriotic songs to demonstrate their happiness and relief.

Kuwait Radio and TV interviewed people in the streets and recorded their reactions which were broadcast live on radio and television.

Women ululated in triumph and people in offices exchanged congratulations.

### Release

A citizen, Khalid Al Faris, 36, told the Arab Times that he felt great happiness and joy at the release of the hostages. He said that the hijacking united the people facing the ordeal and they shared the happiness of their release.

Another citizen, Ali Al Kha-

siti, expressed his happiness by sending congratulations to the families of the released. When he heard the news he rushed to the phone and called his friends. He was ready to sacrifice himself to keep Kuwait's dignity, he said.

Expatriates shared the same feelings and praised the government's tough stand with the hijackers.

### Demand

Sultan Al Khazza said he was listening to the radio and his eyes filled with tears of happiness. He conveyed his congratulations to the people of Kuwait and the families of the released hostages. He called for execution of the 17 prisoners.

Osama Kaheem congratulated the released people for being released long halts in Mashhad, Iran, and Larnaca, Cyprus, where they shot dead two hostages before being given fuel to fly to Algeria. The blue and white Jumbo jet arrived at Algiers airport on April 13.

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ALGIERS, April 20. (Reuters):

The 24 passengers and seven crew released today from Kuwait Airways Flight KU 422 spent longer as captives on a hijacked plane than anyone in history.

They sat for more than 15 days — 362 hours and 30 minutes — on the Boeing 747, prisoners of eight Arabic-speaking gunmen who seized it on 0230 GMT on April 5, over the Arabian Sea.

The hijack ended at 0500 GMT on Wednesday, April 20, when two women hostages walked slowly down the steps, followed by the other passengers and the crew.

The hijackers released a total of 70 hostages during long halts in Mashhad, Iran, and Larnaca, Cyprus, where they shot dead two hostages before being given fuel to fly to Algeria. The blue and white Jumbo jet arrived at Algiers airport on April 13.

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## Iran fires Scud missile at Kuwait

IRAN yesterday fired a Scud-type missile at one of Kuwait's areas at 03:15 local time, an official source at the Kuwaiti Defence Ministry announced.

A Defence Ministry statement said Kuwait reserved the right in respond.

### Protested

"Kuwait fully reserves its right to do what it deems necessary toward this aggression and affirms that continuation of such attacks increases its insistence on justice and commitment to the values of its proud people," the statement said.

Kuwait affirms that the continuation of such repeated attacks, enforces Kuwait's determination to abide by its principled stance, the official added.

## Kuwait raps Iran for Gulf attacks

KUWAIT yesterday strongly criticised Iran for attacks on ships and oil installations in the Gulf and urged it to accept a United Nations ceasefire in its war with Iraq.

A Foreign Ministry official said Kuwait strongly denounced Iran's attack on a UAE oilfield in the southern Gulf on Monday and a UAE tanker on Tuesday.

Iran carried out the attacks after the US Navy destroyed two Iranian oil platforms in what Washington said was retaliation for Iranian mining of Gulf scallops.

"Such aggressive acts, including planting mines in international Gulf waters, is a blatant violation of international law and conventions, threatens the freedom of navigation and increases dangers to stability and peace in the region," the official said.

### Escorts

Kuwait reiterated support for international efforts to protect Gulf shipping, an apparent reference to Western and Soviet navies which escort ships bearing Iranian oil.

Kuwait calls on its Muslim neighbour Iran to respond in this bony month (of Ramadan) to

## Emergency cabinet meeting

THE Kuwait cabinet yesterday held an extraordinary session in which it reviewed the ending of the hijack drama of the Kuwaiti airliner.

The session, chaired by the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, mainly discussed the efforts which the Algerian officials made for securing the safe release of the jumbo jet's passengers and crew, State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Al Rashed said after the meeting.

### Crisis

The cabinet emphasised that the hijacking and the string of terrorist operations which have recently afflicted the Arab world "were part of a plot intended to drown the Arab nation in a confrontation in an attempt to distract it from important issues."

The Council of Ministers sent a cable to HH the Amir congratulating and thanking him for his instructions and personal contacts "which had a very effective impact in handling the crisis and bringing it to the desired end," Rashed said.

The Crown Prince congratulated the Kuwaiti people for the safe release of the hostages and the public support the government and the country's leadership have received in the face of terrorism and blackmail.

The Kuwaiti government expressed deep appreciation of the Algerian role in ending the crisis and paid special tribute to Algerian President Chadli Benjedid and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat for their efforts to end the hijacking.

We want to congratulate the people of Kuwait for their steadfastness against this blackmail. Maintaining one's principles demands an expensive price. We paid this price by sticking to ours.

What must be done is to one day punish those who committed this crime. This is essential if we are to stop all forms of blackmail which occur from time to time.

## DAY BY DAY

WE should warmly welcome the released hostages at the biggest level to show them that their loyalty to the principles of their country is genuinely appreciated.

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### Nation rejoices

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life for the hostages. He said the hijack was carried out only to further the goals of the enemies of the Arab world. However, the tragedy turned into an opportunity to unify the population of Kuwait.

Latifa Al Rashed congratulated the families of the released people and supported the firm stand of the government and its determination not to yield to the hijackers' demands. She also conveyed her condolences to the families of the hostages who were killed.

A 20-year-old youth, Fahd Abdul Rahman, said that he and his friends planned a procession of cars to express their joy at the release of the hostages. The hijackers should not be allowed to escape and should be punished for their crime, he said.

#### Subhi

Reuter adds: "The breathless daughter of pilot Subhi Naim Youssef said minutes after his release from a hijacked Kuwait Airways plane yesterday: "We're all just over the moon."

"Just can't say how happy we are," Nora, 18, said. "As soon as he comes home we'll celebrate. We can't wait."

Kuwait Radio broke into regular programming to announce news of the release.

"Congratulations to every Kuwaiti home, we salute everyone on the safety of the hostages," said an excited announcer between patriotic songs.

The brother of three Kuwaiti royal family members on the plane said: "Our joy will be great when the hostages arrive in Kuwait."

## Hijack record

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Another hostage, a Kuwaiti diabetic, was freed the next day leaving 24 of the original 92 passengers, including three members of the Kuwaiti Sabah family, on board.

#### Longer

They spent two days longer on a commandeer air liner than more than 100 hostages held by three gunmen on a hijacked Pakistani plane from March 2 to March 14, 1981.

The Pakistan government met the demands of the three hijackers and freed 54 political prisoners. They were swapped in Damascus for the hostages.

Strife-ridden Lebanon's conflicts spawned the "longest hijack" record — 16 days — in 1985.

Two Lebanese Shi'ite gunmen seized a TWA airliner on June 14.

It was forced to land in Beirut. The crew and 39 American hostages were taken off the plane and held in the city.

The hijack, in which one American was shot dead, ended on June 30 after Syrian mediation.

The bloodiest hijack on record was in 1974, when a lone gunman ordered an Air Vietnam plane leaving Danang to fly to Hanoi. He set off two hand-grenades and all 70 people on board were killed in the explosion and crash.

The largest number of hijackers known to have seized a plane was 168 — all Cuban refugees. They took over a US Braniff airliner in Lima, Peru, in 1980 and demanded to be flown to Miami. But they surrendered without taking off after US authorities agreed to speed up processing of their immigration applications.



Released hostages walk down the ramp. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Saudis reject Iran's demand on haj quota

RIYADH, April 20, (Reuter): Saudi Arabia rejected Iran's demand to send 150,000 pilgrims on the annual Muslim haj pilgrimage and reiterated its ban on demonstrations, the official Saudi Press Agency (SPA) said today.

The agency quoted an official source as saying Saudi Arabia's Pilgrimage Affairs and Endowments Minister Sheikh Abdul Wahab Abdul Wasie told Iran: "The kingdom will welcome 45,000 Iranian pilgrims this year similar to other Islamic countries with no exception."

Saudi Information Minister General Ali Hassan Al Shaer

said earlier numbers would be limited to 1,000 pilgrims per million from each Muslim country.

#### Impossible

He said the restoration of holy sites in the cities of Makkah and Madina made it impossible to take more.

SPA said an Iranian delegation led by haj, endowments and charities head Mehdi Enam Jamarani had asked Saudi Arabia to accept 150,000 pilgrims — the same number as last year — and said they would stage demonstrations in the holy cities of Makkah and Madina.

## Hijack drama ends

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Kuwa adds: The released passengers will return to Kuwait at about 10 pm tomorrow.

They will be given a massive official and public welcome.

#### Vowed

Before releasing the passengers, the hijackers vowed in a statement to continue to seek the release of 17 jailed terrorists in Kuwait.

"We have a just cause, our efforts will continue to release our brothers in Kuwait and also to release prisoners in Europe and reactionary Arab capitals and the heroes in Israeli prisons," they said.

As the cortege headed slowly towards the Palestinian Yarmouk refugee camp, south of the capital, Palestinian officials said members of the PLO executive committee had met Syria's foreign minister to discuss reconciliation.

## Mourners pay final respects to Al Wazir

DAMASCUS, April 20, (Reuter): Mounted on a gun carriage, the coffin of slain Palestinian military commander Khalil Al Wazir moved off through Damascus streets to a martyrs cemetery today as thousands of mourners paid their final respects.

Palestinian officials said the PLO chairman, meanwhile, had been holding intensive talks with Libyan leader Colonel Muammar Khaddafi and both leaders might visit Damascus to push Assad-Arafat reconciliation.

The emotive funeral of a much-respected Palestinian chief on Syrian soil had raised hopes among Palestinians of a long-sought reconciliation between radical Damascus and the PLO.

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#### Receive

The PLO members arrived yesterday for the funeral of the military deputy to PLO leader Yasser Arafat and held a late-night meeting with Foreign Minister Farouq Al Shara, the officials said.

They said Shara promised that Syria would officially receive Arafat, expelled from the country in 1983, if he came to Damascus and that meetings with Syrian leaders, possibly including President Hafez Al Assad, would be arranged.

#### Exerting

Al Wazir, responsible for coordinating a four-month-old uprising in the Israeli occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, was killed in Tunis on Saturday by gunmen widely believed to be Israeli.

His widow in black, flew with the body to Syria for the funeral. She was accompanied by her sons and daughters, including teenage daughter Hanan who

saw her father die in a hail of bullets.

Teenage son Jihad said on arrival in Damascus: "We are now more determined to continue fighting until we liberate the whole of Palestine."

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They said Algeria and Libya were now exerting intensified efforts to achieve a Syrian-PLO reconciliation.

The funeral of Al Wazir, also known as Abu Jihad, was originally to be held in Jordanian capital, Amman. The officials said one reason for the switch to Damascus was the chance it could lead to a reconciliation.

In Amman, officials said the Jordanian Minister of Occupied Territories Marwan Doudin, who used to co-chair a joint Palestinian-Jordanian committee with Al Wazir, had left for Damascus to represent the Jordanian government at the funeral.

They identified the two ships

attacked from the Meletin, flying the Bahamas flag and the 12,215-ton Fal-V from the UAE.

US officials said nine mines had since been found in the Gulf.

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## US considers matter closed

## UAE condemns raid on oilfield

from a marine helicopter missing in the Gulf.

Hossein Alai, the commander of the Revolutionary Guards naval force, said the "Cobra" was hit, set ablaze and plunged into the waters of the Gulf with all on board.

Fifteen Iranian sailors died and 29 were wounded during the "unseen" skirmishes with US forces, Tehran Radio quoted the Navy commander as saying in a broadcast monitored by the BBC.

#### Floating

A damaged Iranian gunboat left floating after Monday's battle fired shells for several minutes into a UAE tanker steaming through the strategic Strait of Hormuz. The tanker was set afire, but no casualties were reported, shipping sources said.

Support for the American strikes at Iran increased among US allies, and even Moscow slammed Iran for provocative attacks against neutral shipping.

Britain summoned Iran's charge d'affaires for a dressing down, and six other Western European nations protested "mining and other hostile activities."

Besides Britain, six other members of the Western European Union meeting in The Hague — Belgium, the Netherlands, France, Italy, West Germany and Luxembourg — said yesterday they supported the defensive measures in the busy Gulf shipping lanes.

The Soviet response was double-edged. The Communist Party newspaper Pravda condemned the "pirate actions" of Iran's ship attack shipping but at the same time said Washington's response "looks rather primitive."

A British warship spotted three mines and Iranian speedboats raided two tankers while other merchant vessels apparently tried to avoid the narrow Strait of Hormuz waterway.

A marine executive said the Gulf appeared "ghostly" yesterday from lack of shipping one day after southern Gulf battles.

After midmorning distress signals from two tankers entering the narrow Strait of Hormuz, the Gulf's southern gateway, owners and agents advised their vessels to anchor just outside the Gulf's other Fakkan, the executives said, one sailing and one not.

The US executive said the Mcletem, flying the Bahamas flag and the 12,215-ton Fal-V from the UAE. No details about the Mcletem were available, but executives said the Fal-V was set ablaze and Omani Coastguard boats rescued the crew.

Tehran Radio said yesterday the Swiss ambassador, who represents US interests in Iran, was summoned to the Foreign Ministry and "given a written warning in regard to America's aggressive attacks." It said the note "emphasised that Iran will retaliate."

**Bus fire kills 21**

BANGKOK, April 20, (Reuter): An explosion and fire on a bus killed 21 bus passengers in Nakorn Ratchasima province in north-eastern Thailand today, police said.

The US Navy searched today for a third day for two crewmen who were also injured in the accident.

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AI 824	WED	1930	0155*	A310	
AI 816	THU	1630	0210*	A310	
AI 826	FRI	0025	0650*	A310	
AI 858	FRI	2300	0525*	A310	
AI 852	SUN	1050	1715	A310	

TO DELHI

FLT NO. DAY DEP. ARR. ACFT.

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AI 850 SAT 2100 0350\* A310

TO MADRAS

FLT NO. DAY DEP. ARR. ACFT.

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AI 916/430 THU 1630 0750 A310

AI 958/408 FRI 2300 0905 A310/B747

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## INTERNATIONAL



Two Egyptian workers crouched by a shaft of a newly discovered Pharaonic tomb dating back to about 700 BC. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Shultz to urge arms embargo on Iran

**HELSINKI.** April 20. (Reuter): US Secretary of State George Shultz says he will tell Soviet leaders in Moscow on Thursday and Friday that the Reagan administration is determined to secure a UN Security Council arms embargo against Iran.

Shultz said he thought the US strikes on Iranian targets in the Gulf on Monday would not have much effect on the course of the Iran-Iraq war, but an arms embargo would have a major impact on Iranian policies.

"The fact that probably some arms would slip through and all of that doesn't mean that it wouldn't have a major impact. It would reduce their ability to get parts and things they need."

"It would cause things to be more expensive. It would definitely have a big impact," he said. Shultz told reporters on his plane from Washington to Helsinki, where he is spending one day before moving on to Moscow.

Shultz said he believed the Soviet Union was keen to see an end to the Gulf war, but he declined to predict how the

Kremlin leadership would react to his appeal for quick Security Council action on an arms embargo resolution.

The Soviet Union has supplied large quantities of weapons to Iraq, but it is officially neutral in the Gulf war and it has sought to improve relations with its neighbour Iran after a difficult period in the early 1980s.

The Soviet media have also criticised Monday's US actions against Iranian vessels and oil platforms in the Gulf as aggressive, but have avoided the kind of strident denunciation which followed US strikes against Libya in 1986.

Shultz is due to meet Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze during his visit to Moscow, and US officials in his delegation said they expected the Gulf war to be a prime topic.

Recalling that the United States has been pressing for a UN Security Council arms embargo against Iran for almost a year, Shultz said: "We will continue to push that position. What the Soviets will do is for them to say, I can't speak for them."

## Lawyers call off strike

**NEW DELHI.** April 20. (AP): New Delhi's bar association yesterday called off a 93-day strike launched in protest against a club-swinging police charge on lawyers protesting the handcuffing of a colleague, the United News of India reported.

The news agency said the strike by district court lawyers, which had paralysed work in the capital's district courts since January, ended after the publication of a report by two judges investigating the arrest and later police action to break up the lawyers' protest.

The report, released Monday, called for transferring deputy police commissioner Kiran Bedi, in whose district the incidents occurred. But it did not meet the

lawyers' demands for suspension of Mrs Bedi, who is India's highest-ranking female police official.

Mrs Bedi was transferred last week to the narcotics control bureau.

The lawyers' original complaint was over the handcuffing of a colleague arrested for allegedly stealing from a woman's purse in a local college. The charge was later dropped.

The strike by district court lawyers was joined by attorneys practising before the Delhi High Court and India's Supreme Court. But the senior lawyers called off their strike last month when the government appointed the two judges to investigate the matter.

## Gore considering to quit race

# Dukakis wins in New York

**NEW YORK.** April 20. (UPI): Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis triumphed by landslide in New York's hoisterous presidential primary on Tuesday and became the clear front-runner for the Democratic nomination.

Dukakis scored a decisive victory over civil rights leader Jesse Jackson that left Sen. Albert Gore Jr. of Tennessee in the dust and assessing whether to go on. Dukakis swept upstate and suburban areas and was leading in New York City, Jackson's stronghold.

"Friends, if we can make it here we can make it anywhere," Dukakis said in remarks prepared for a Manhattan victory celebration. "I love New York, what a wonderful town."

With 84 percent of the precincts reporting, Dukakis had 714,944 votes or 51 per cent, Jackson, 494,177 votes or 36 per cent, and Gore, 144,045 or 10 per cent.

Dukakis snagged the lion's share of New York's 255 delegates to the Democratic national convention. He was leading for 152 delegates, Jackson for 86 and Gore for 17. That would give Dukakis 900 of the

2,082 delegates needed for nomination to 767 for Jackson and 420 for Gore.

Vice President George Bush easily won the Republican primary where he was virtually unopposed. He was leading for 91 delegates in New York, boosting his projected total to 982 of 1,139 needed to clinch the GOP nomination.

Gore planned a meeting with advisers and family in Washington to decide whether to continue what he had acknowledged was an underdog campaign. "We're going to decide among ourselves how best we can carry on the cause we have been advancing," he told supporters at a Manhattan hotel.

### Victories

"The numbers speak for themselves," said Gore spokesman Arlie Schardt. By falling short of 20 per cent of the vote, Gore became ineligible for further federal campaign subsidies.

"I guess this was somebody else's Super Tuesday," Gore told his supporters in reference to the round of primaries March 8 where he last won a primary. "New York is a real marathon and he beat us by a mile."

Dukakis also referred to

earlier victories and made a self-deprecating allusion to the flat speaking style for which he has been criticised.

"In Iowa we won the bronze. In New Hampshire we won the gold. Tonight we won the Oscar," he said, hugging his cousin Olympia Dukakis, who won the Academy Award for best supporting actress last week.

"All it takes is a strong message, lots of hard work, and plenty of charisma," the Governor said.

The two-week state campaign was concentrated in New York City and was as noisy and bare-knuckled as the big apple. It ended on a sour note over Mayor Edward Koch's harsh criticism of Jackson that put black-Jewish tensions in the spotlight.

"I believe my comments ... were not helpful to him," Koch conceded in a television interview. "I said what I thought was true, but they obviously did not help Al Gore."

Koch said at the start of the campaign that Jews would be "crazy" to vote for Jackson because of his positions on Israel. The flamboyant Mayor gave Gore a surprise endorsement last week and taped a round of states-

manlike television commercials touting Gore.

According to television network exit polls, Gore picked up just 15 per cent of the Jewish voters though he made a special appeal to that powerful bloc that makes up a quarter of the electorate. According to CBS news exit polls, voters disagreed with Koch's inflammatory criticism by 2 to 1.

Jackson picked up between 15 and 17 per cent of the white vote, according to the exit polls, a disappointing showing after exceeding 20 per cent in the Wisconsin primary two weeks ago.

According to those polls, Dukakis picked up three quarters of the Jewish vote and more than 70 per cent of Roman Catholic votes.

### Turnout

A heavy turnout of the state's 3.5 million registered Democratic voters was reported. In New York City, turnout was very heavy in Jackson's predominantly black Harlem stronghold and Dukakis's friendly white middle-class terrain of Queens.

According to ABC News, black and Jewish voters, both representing about a quarter of the Democratic electorate, turned



Dukakis: victory

## Bangladesh happy with new aid pledge

**DHAKA.** April 20. (Reuter): Bangladesh is happy with new aid pledged by Western donors to help rebuild an economy hit by floods and political unrest, officials said.

At a meeting of donors in Paris last week, Bangladesh received a commitment of \$2.05 billion in aid for the fiscal year beginning next July.

Planning Minister A.K. Hikmatullah, who attended the Paris meeting, told a news conference that the donor countries appreciated Bangladesh's approach to farm production, alleviation of poverty and rural development.

President Hossain Mohammad Ershad, facing an opposition campaign for his resignation, has accused his opponents of trying to block foreign aid to Bangladesh.

"Some elements even went to Paris and brought out a procession ... trying to halt foreign assistance," Ershad said on Sunday.

The World Bank, which coordinated the Paris meeting, recommended increased aid to Bangladesh after the worst floods in 30 years destroyed 1.5 million tonnes of rice and did \$250 million worth of damage in September. The country also lost millions of dollars in exports and industrial production during opposition-led strikes early this year.

### Commitments

Bangladesh officials said the amount of aid would rise by nearly \$100 million after three Islamic financial agencies and Switzerland announced their commitments.

They said the aid pledged for fiscal year 1988/89 is nearly 13.6 per cent more than for 1987/88. Bangladesh also hopes to get \$700 million from remittances from its citizens working abroad during the current fiscal year. Prime Minister Moudud Ahmed has said.

Seventy-five thousand more Bangladeshis are expected to have found jobs in foreign lands by the end of the current fiscal year, in June, compared with 63,000 in the previous year, Ahmed said.

## Ramos reports decline in insurgency

# Philippines lifts alert

**MANILA.** April 20. (Reuter): The Philippines largely lifted a nation-wide military alert today after what Defence Secretary Fidel Ramos called a period of "greater stability."

Ramos said there had been a decline in insurgency violence around the country and hinted that the danger of a coup attempt by right-wing groups had ebbed.

"We are now in a period of greater stability," Ramos told a news conference, citing statistics showing incidents of rebel-related violence this year had dropped to below last year's average of 10 a day.

The red alert had been lifted except for so-called contingency forces," he said, referring to special Army units around Manila formed to track down escaped fugitive Colonel Gregorio Honasan.

The red alert — the highest

state of combat readiness — was imposed last week when President Corazon Aquino left for a four-day visit to China and Hong Kong amid rumours that Honasan and his followers might attack key installations during her absence.

"The tension has gone down compared to ... before the president's visit to China," Ramos said.

### Attacks

Military officials have ruled out any major coup attempt by pro-Honasan troops but acknowledged the group was capable of small, isolated attacks. Honasan mounted an unsuccessful coup against Aquino last August, killing at least 53 people.

Capital region military commander Brigadier-General Rodolfo Diaz said today that Honasan should surrender to avoid a bloody clash.

"Should this problem be resolved in confrontation, this can only be bloody ... this time around Honasan may not have the luxury of negotiating," he told a congressional committee.

Ramos said communist rebels were continuing their urban war by killing lawmen in street ambuses to stay "in the limelight" but that this had brought them public condemnation.

### Marcos

More than 20 soldiers, policemen and local officials have been killed by communist "sparrow" hit squads in Manila street attacks this year.

Meanwhile, Ferdinand Marcos said on Tuesday that officials in the Philippines government told him he would be allowed to return to his homeland, and the deposed President said he expected to be back in the Philippines within two months.

## French captives may be freed soon

**BEIRUT.** April 20. (Reuter): The Beirut independent An-Nahar newspaper said today two French hostages held by pro-Iranian militants will be released within three days due to negotiations carried out by two Arab middlemen.

"Sources close to negotiations seeking the release of French hostages confirmed that two of them might be released before 23 of April," the newspaper said in its front-page report.

It said that Arab businessmen Imran Adham and Mehdi Al-Tajer were in Beirut carrying out contacts with influential leaders, including Nahib Berri, the chief of the Shi'ite Amal militia.

An-Nahar said the sources did not reveal the whereabouts of the two middlemen but quoted them as saying "positive results were expected before the 23rd of April."

The report could not be immediately confirmed.

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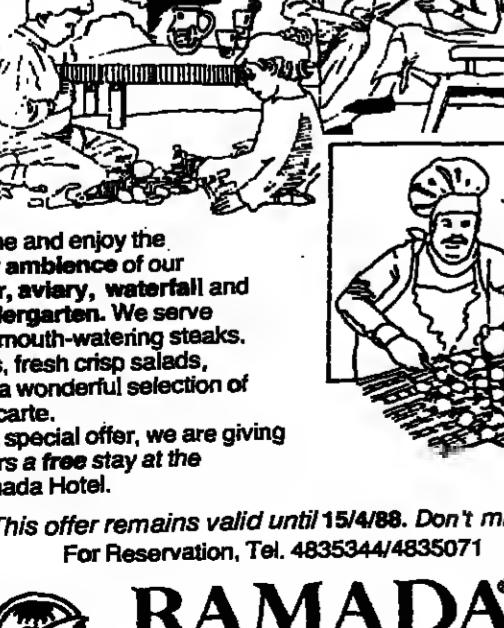
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## KUWAIT ... GULF

# Iraqis dig in after recapturing Faw

**FAW PENINSULA**, Iraq, April 20. (Agencies): Iraqi forces have completely dislodged Iranian troops from the strategic Faw peninsula, recapturing territory seized by the Iranians 26 months ago, an Iraqi general told reporters yesterday.

When the Iranians pulled out of the peninsula after a 36-hour battle, they left piles of Islamic religious books many of them written by Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini.

But the Iraqis were too busy building new fortifications after their recapturing the triangle of land at the southern tip of their country, the first major Iraqi offensive in the 7-1/2-year-old Iran-Iraq war since 1986.

### Reinforce

Hundreds of military vehicles were seen heading toward Faw yesterday to reinforce the elite Presidential Guard units which spearheaded the 36-hour assault on Sunday and Monday.

Iraqi soldiers were busy digging in along the western bank of the Shatt Al Arab waterway, which forms the southern border between Iran and Iraq.

The Iraqi general, who declined to be identified, said at his command post near the refinery city of Faw: "We had a very well coordinated and integrated plan which was superbly executed to achieve maximum surprise."

The general, who identified himself only as a representative of the Iraqi High Command, said the attack ended on Monday at 4 pm (1200 GMT).

Dozens of Iranian corpses lit-

ter both sides of the 30-km (20-mile) rough road leading down the narrow strip of land to Faw.

Bulldozers and other earth-moving machines were busy upturning soil on the corpses as reporters toured the area only hours after Iraqi troops re-captured edifices remained.

An Iraqi corporal opened machinegun fire on a portrait of Khomeini as other soldiers tore up placards, pamphlets and signs carrying his sayings.

More young Iraqi troops dashed and chanted: "Death to Khomeini and long live (Iraqi President) Saddam Hussein."

Iranian prisoners-of-war, all Revolutionary Guards and numbering more than 200, were being held in a big yard in front of the headquarters of the Iraqi Army on the peninsula.

Bunkers and military hardware, installed during Iran's 26-month-long occupation of the southern terminal, and crushed in the assault, were also vanishing under soil as the bulldozers moved relentlessly forward.

### Abandoned

Even some Iranian tanks, armoured vehicles and heavy machineguns, looking intact, were being dumped under the salty and muddy soil of the Faw peninsula.

Happy young Iraqi soldiers in hundreds of tanks, armoured personnel carriers and trucks gave "V" for victory signs and fired in the air in triumph.

The reporters were driven in Army jeeps from the southern port city of Basra, 90 km (50 miles) north of Faw, through the

dust-covered peninsula and the town of Faw, once abusy terminal for exports and for goods arriving in Iraq through the Gulf.

Of the old buildings put up by the British Army during its occupation in the early 1920s only two or three half-demolished edifices remained.

A large sign in coloured Arabic letters on one wall read:

"The headquarters of the Supreme Islamic Council of Iraq," the group lead by dissident Iraqi Shi'ite Mullah Mohammed Bagir Al Hakim, who now lives in Tehran.

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## EVENTS



## Table Talk

BY DINAH

In a country such as Kuwait, the opening of a new restaurant, like the arrival of a fresh batch of videos or inauguration of a new supermarket, is a welcome addition to the social whirl. Last weekend saw the launching of the Al Dobdoba Restaurant at the Ras Salimiyah end of Salem Al Mubarak Street.

## Choice

All new restaurants have their teething troubles and it was perhaps a little unfair of us to make such a premature visit. Problems such as the wrong dish being served, the appetizers arriving after the main courses and the coffee coming before the dessert will no doubt be smoothed out as the kitchen staff establishes a routine. With practice too, the service should speed up and improve on style. From the brilliance of the lighting and ferocity of the air-conditioning, we were really surprised when the power failure came, but the staff were well-prepared with candles and light was quickly restored.

Like Hemingway's cafe, Al Dobdoba really is a clean, well-

# A clean, well-lighted place

lighted place. Attractively panelled in new pine, the restaurant has a fresh, cheerful atmosphere. It offers the choice of informal sit-down meals or carry-out facilities. Specialising in seafood main course dishes, Al Dobdoba also serves a range of hot and cold appetizers, soups, rice and desserts. The appetizers, priced from 500 fils, consist mainly of Lebanese mezze dishes such as stuffed vine leaves, foul, kibbeh and fatayer with a few Western specialties like prawn, Russian or tuna fish salad. Nine different soups are available including minestrone, asparagus and cream of celery all at 500 fils each. Eleven styles of rice are offered such as Chinese, Moroccan, briani and saffron. The hot seafood dishes include everything from crabs, lobster, zubeidi, hamour and prawns of "Fingers Fish" and "Fried Sultan Ibrahim" which I neither had the heart nor stomach to order! The seafood dishes range from KD2 to KD3 in price. To accompany the meal there is a variety of reasonably priced fresh fruit juices like mango, strawberry or carrot, all at only 300 fils each.

## Flavour

When the hummus and Matabai we ordered as starters eventually arrived part-way through the main course, they were attractively decorated with sumak powder, but unremarkable in flavour. Although my guest had wanted to try the Moroccan rice, we were both served with Mexican rice. Heavily seasoned with nutmeg but no chillis, it was per-

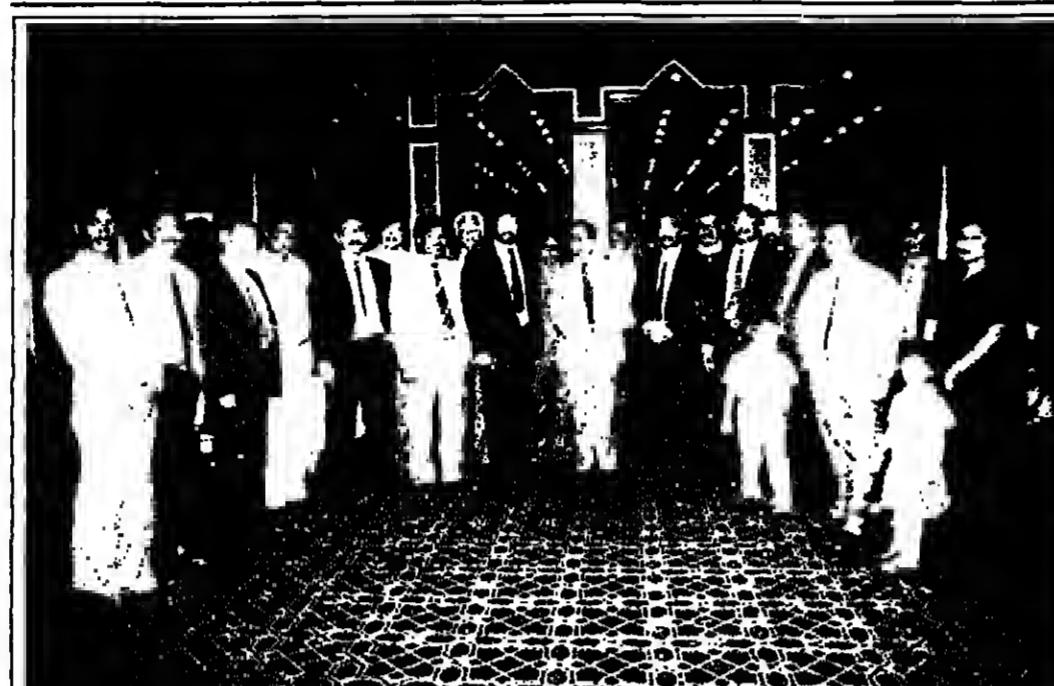
haps unaesthetic, but nevertheless a filling dish of green peppers, mushrooms, onion, potatoes and mutton which would have made a meal in itself for only 500 fils. The Prawns Mexico I chose for my main course was also a very satisfying dish — eight Gulf prawns were cooked in a very rich sauce of onions, green peppers and mushrooms. My guest was less fortunate in his choice of lobster. Two local lobster were served boiled but one of

them was either undercooked or "off," as it had a strong smell and soil consistency.

We faced some language problems when trying to find out what desserts were available, but eventually settled for slices of strawberry tart. At 500 fils each these were good value for money, although the jelly glaze was a bit synthetic. We ended the meal with American coffee and asked for the bill. Including one fruit juice, one Pepsi and water it came to KD

9.150 which is perhaps a little overpriced for this type of restaurant.

**RESTAURANT:** Al Dobdoba  
**TYPE:** Seafood  
**MEAL:** Three course à la carte  
**PRICE:** KD9.150  
Star rating (out of five):  
**FOOD: ★★**  
**SERVICE: ★★**  
**ATMOSPHERE: ★★**  
**VALUE FOR MONEY: ★★**



St. George's Day Informal, on April 21st at 8 pm. For members and guests. Tel: 3985964 or 3982739.  
Alumni get-together: The E.K.M.C College of Engineering will hold a get-together on April 21st at the SAS Hotel. Those who have not registered please contact 2402945; 4336416 after 7 pm.  
YMCA Holiday Special: The Young Men's Cricket Association (YMCA) will hold the Holiday Special on May 17, Messilah Beach Hotel. Highlights are music by Top Ranks with special competitions such as Made for Each Other contest and Funky King and Queen. For reservations contact "Lucky" Tel: 3981790, 392518, 5168 pm.  
3981790, 392518, 5168 pm.

## SPORTS

Palarong Pilipino: There will be a meeting of all tennis participants in the Filipino Mini-Olympics at 6 pm on April 28 at Mabuhay Restaurant. All Filipinos are invited. For details contact Boog Melocio. — 4877793.  
Raft Race: The captains' meeting for the second Kuwait Annual Raft Race will be held on Tuesday, April 26, at 8 pm in Al Fox Suite, Messilah Beach Hotel. Kuwait Nomads

Rugby Club: Club shirts, as ordered, now available from Joo Evans. Tel: 5339867, to arrange delivery. The Club's A.G.M. is on Tuesday, May 10, 7.30 pm at the Gazebo Club.  
Goan Cup Tournament: The Young Goans Association, Kuwait, will hold a seven-a-side football tournament on the first day of Eid Al Fitr at the Al Sour Grounds. The draw will be held on the same day at 7.30 am. Tournament commences at 7.45 A. The tournament is open to all communities, subject to approval by organisers. For details contact Tom — 2419409; Almeida 4813892 ext. 232.

## HOTELS

Solar Energy: A lecture-cum-discussion on solar energy application will be given by Dr R.K. Suri and Gopan P. Rameshwar at the IAC hall. Function, on April 21, 7.30 pm. For entry passes contact IAC Manager Mohan, 6 to 9 pm.  
At the Holiday Inn: Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers special Ramadan buffets with Arabic and Continental buffets after sunset until 2 am. Sample Oriental delicacies including foul and falafel at the Ramadan Diwaniya for breakfast (Iftar).

## THEATRE

## Kuwait School of Contemporary Dance

The company will present two ballets "Carnival" and "The Never Ending Story" from April 25 to 29, 8.30 pm nightly, at the Mousetrap Theatre, NES, Jahriya. Tickets KD 4. The box office at the Mousetrap is open daily from 4 to 7 pm. For telephone bookings ring 5610673, 8 am to 1 pm.

## Ghadir Gallery

Sundanese artist Hasan Hakeo is showing his drawings at the gallery in Sadiya Complex. It is open daily from 10 am to 1 pm and 7 to 10 pm at the Sultao Gallery, Thunayan Al Ghaniyah Bldg., Al Soor St.

## SOCIAL

Kumustahan: The next Filipino get-together (Kumustahan) will be held from 6 to 9 pm on April 29 at the Church Hall. All Filipinos are welcome. Snacks will be served.  
Iftar Party: The Bangladeshi Association will hold an Iftar party on April 21 at the Bangladesh Embassy premises. All Bangladeshis are invited.

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## NIGHT CHEMIST

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## PRAYERS

Fajr	3.51 am
Zuhr	11.47
Asr	3.22 pm
Maghreb	6.19
Isha	7.40

FRIDAY	3.50 am
Fajr	11.46
Friday Prayer	3.22 pm
Maghreb	6.19
Isha	7.41

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

10.00 Holy Quran  
10.15 Cartoons  
10.30 Mama Anisa and Children  
11.10 Variety Show for Children  
12.05 Noor Al Huda: "Wa Bil Walada Ahsan."  
1.00 News Summary  
1.30 World News via Satellite  
2.20 Historical Serial  
3.25 Dukkan Al Duniya:  
4.45 Religious serial  
5.30 Hadith Deeni: religious talk by Sheikh Mohammad Muwalli Sharawi.

6.35 Cartoons  
7.00 Madinat Al Riyah: children's serial  
7.45 Kul Funoon, hosted by Rola Al Farah  
8.15 Nadwah Deenya: Religious Talk  
9.00 Deirat Al Khair: Charity  
9.30 Ramadan Contest  
10.00 News in Arabic  
11.00 Wrestling

12.00 Al Awani: Arabic drama. Starring: Hayat Al Fahad, Ibrahim Sallal, Aysha Ibrahim, Mohammad Saieed Ismaihan Tawfiq.

2.20 News Summary  
2.35 Holy Quran/Closedown

## KTV 2

8.00 Holy Quran  
8.10 Centurions: cartoons  
8.130 The Mickey Mouse Club: Cartoons  
9.00 News in English  
9.40 Islamic Horizon

9.50 Islam and Muslims Around the World

10.30 Spenser for Hire: "And Give Up Show Biz". A young man suffers from amnesia after being shot. Spenser investigates.

11.30 The Bill Cosby Show: "Planning Parenthood." Cliff takes his daughter and her friends to dinner.

12.30 Late Night Movie: "The Ordeal of Bill Conney."

1.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

1.45 Holy Quran  
2.00 Basketball  
3.45 Big League Soccer  
6.30 Indian Soccer  
8.10 "Transformers" cartoons  
8.30 Out of this World: "Every Beano". A girl with supernatural powers has trouble convincing her family that she is different

9.00 News in English  
9.40 Islamic Horizon  
9.50 Understanding Islam: local religious programme

10.30 The Beauty and the Beast: "No Way Down." A witness is murdered and Vincent is arrested but escapes from police custody.

11.30 227: "The Handwriting on the Wall". The parents of a boy file a complaint against Mary for assaulting their child.

12.00 Guinness Records: more world records are set in tonight's episode, including for parachuting, moving hotel in San Antonio; a new record in eating hot peppers and the youngest and oldest karate champions.

12.30 The Wiseguy: "The Marriage of Heaven and Hell". Part 2. Vinnie suspects Sunny of double-crossing him and threatens to kill him.

1.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

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# ARAB TIMES

## Thought for today

THOUGH familiarity may not breed contempt, it takes the edge off admiration — William Hazlitt, English essayist

## OPINION

### Kuwait a country of principles

THE banner of Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed, the banner of true principles, is at last victorious.

The hijackers, instruments of evil-minded masters, thought it would be easy to overcome a small country like Kuwait. They thought the presence of members of the ruling family among the hostages would force Sheikh Jaber to submit to their demands.

They forgot that in Kuwait there is no difference between the great and the small — all are equal. They forgot that the members of the ruling family were, first of all, citizens of Kuwait and would be the first to sacrifice for Kuwait's dignity and principles.

The hijackers thought that by releasing only Kuwaiti Shiites, they would disrupt Kuwait's national unity and love.

The hijackers were influenced by these assumptions but found, along with their masters, popular support by the Kuwaiti people for their leaders and government.

In Kuwait all raised the banner of Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed: no blackmail, no fear and no rescission from principles.

Kuwait is a country of principles. The superpowers are the first to acknowledge this. They once submitted to blackmail and got nothing in return but more blackmail. Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed remained steadfast and went through the danger of dealing with fools.

All in Kuwait have remained unshaken and have suffered with the hostages through their ordeal on the Jaberiya. We kept praying that Almighty Allah would solve the problem and that they would be released. We experienced their pain when they were forced to speak under the threat of their kidnappers. We were with them in spirit as the banner of Kuwait emerged victorious.

With this victory we should give them the honour they deserve for their display of courage. I hope they will realise the depth of the feelings of the people of Kuwait towards them, both while being held hostage and now that they are released.

The people of Kuwait are pleased that the hostages have been released and are pleased that another victory has been achieved over the foolish hijackers.

The coming days will prove to the hijackers that they will be unable to escape punishment. And the masters of the hijackers have already experienced the bitter taste of this defeat among others.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

### Time favours Bush at elections

By John Dilllin

WASHINGTON — George Bush now has time on his side in the 1988 election.

While Democrats thrash through the months of April, May, and June in search of a nominee, the vice-president can begin quietly healing Republican wounds.

With a huge lead over his rivals, Bush can stand above the fray and play the role of party leader. He can raise money for the party, locate new voters, put together an experienced campaign team for the fall, research issues, look for Democratic weak spots, and soothe the feelings of his defeated adversaries.

"It's a big advantage for Bush," says Elaine Kamarck, a Democratic activist who until recently was working for Bruce Babbitt. "The advantage is financial and organisational. Bush now can locate his voters and register them."

#### Time

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Bush is that clinching of the nomination "puts an early end to intraparty sniping and squabbling."

In January and February, Bush and Robert Dole were hurling brickbats at each other — and it appeared to hurt both men's standing with the public. But with Bush far in the lead, Senator Dole recently turned his fire toward the Democrats.

"It means that for the next two to four critical months, when the public is hearing criticism of the party by Democrats, and more criticism of Democrats by Republicans, there will be no criticism of Republicans. ... The public relations advantage is all with the Republicans," Schneiders says.

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### Tragedy unites a people

SIR: I am a Gulf national and wish to express my feelings of anger and frustration towards the hijack of the Kuwait Airways plane.

The tragic hijacking of the KAC plane has brought together a people. The hijackers have united us. Did they believe they would get sympathy from us? Did they assume that any decent human being would condone their actions?

What justification did they present? They demanded the release of murderers. The 17 prisoners in Kuwaiti jails have committed a crime and they deserve punishment. That's all there is to it. There is no scope for discussion.

What has the world come to? Can human beings murder in cold blood?

I ask you, the reader, what do we do? Sit here and become victims of such barbarous

actions? I cannot.

I want to see them punished. I want to see them suffer. I am not a blood-thirsty person but I feel so helpless. I wish there were something I could do. I do not intend to challenge those criminals or their ugly supporters if they have any; they're not worth the effort.

I ask the hijackers: "Do you have no mercy? Is your cause worth the lives of two innocent men? What kind of family do you come from? Did your mother teach you to terrorise children? pity the woman who gave birth to you." I feel sorry for the sisters and brothers of the criminals.

Kuwait has gained the support of its citizens. Arab visitors and expatriates. We will support Kuwait, without reservations. I love Kuwait and its people.

Mae K.A. Al Hajjaj,  
Safat, Kuwait

### Autonomy for Muslims

SIR: We appreciate the decision of the Philippines President Corazon Aquino to grant autonomy to Muslim minorities in Mindanao and other southern islands. Her promise to appoint a 50-member regional commission to structure an autonomous government to 13 Muslim provinces raises hopes for greater self-government for five million Muslims.

We also appeal to the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) to accept MNLF as a member.

Sufi Mohammad Akram,  
President,  
Anjuman-e-Khudamat  
Ahmed Redha, Lahore,  
Pakistan.

### Writer's point misrepresented

SIR: It is your stated policy that letters to the editor are, to quote you, "subject to the editing process for space or other reasons." Fair enough. But please bear in mind that once you decide to edit a letter you have a bounden duty not to misrepresent the writer's point of view or angle, or alter the tone or style of the letter.

In a letter to you last week concerning the unusually large number of commercials shown on KTV 2 prior to Falcon Crest, I wrote as a final remark: "Now that you've got the hang of it, KTV, please don't overdo it" a remark which you changed to: "Now that KTV 2 has achieved its aim, it should not

overdo it."

I didn't write nor do I wish to be associated with such a wooden, cliched phrase as, "achieved its aim," a phrase typical of the gobledygook one hears and reads all too frequently in the media here. It's as meaningless as, "bilateral relations" and "matters of mutual interest." Such phrases lack fluency and are the enemies of natural tone and style.

Besides, in my final remark I wasn't talking about KTV achieving an aim; I was making a simple appeal for more integrity, similar to the appeal I'm making to you now.

John Flanagan,  
Mina Al Zoor

### A blow to Indians

SIR: We have learnt from a press release issued by the Air-India office in Kuwait that passengers travelling to India by Air-India will no longer be eligible to avail of concessionary airfare with effect from May 1.

This means that a passenger making his journey to, say, Bombay and back will have to incur an additional expenditure of about Rs. 3000 per ticket.

The additional expenditure naturally will vary with different destinations. This will also mean that a family, say of four members, will have to incur additional expenditure of over Rs. 12,000 from May 1.

Such an increase will amount to an unbearable financial burden on the Gulf passengers, already badly hit by declining salaries, economic recession

and other hardships.

The majority of Gulf-based Indians can afford to travel to their homes once in three or four years only and the additional burden of the increased air fare will be a great blow to their aspirations.

Further, we believe that this decision was taken because of the suspension of Kuwait Airways flights to India and because of security problems and profit motive rather than service considerations.

United Malayalee Organisation has taken steps to bring this issue to the notice of Air India authorities in Kuwait and India. Representations have also been made to the prime minister of India, aviation minister, chief minister of Kerala and various members of parliament.

N.V.K. Warrier,  
Chairman, UMO.

### Boycott AI

SIR: I appeal to all Indians in Kuwait to boycott Air India until they revise the decision on airfares.

M.C. Bose

### Happy over release

SIR: As a long-time resident of Kuwait, I would like to express my happiness to the government and people of Kuwait over the safe release of the remaining hostages from the Kuwait Airways plane in Algiers.

Victor Mason,  
Kuwait University  
Language Centre



### Amateurish coverage

SIR: A KAC plane was hijacked and two passengers callously murdered, yet KTV 2 featured ministers arriving at the airport to the sound of national anthems and bland background music.

It took about 15 minutes to feature any news on the hijacking, and this consisted of the usual amateurish coverage of interrupted interviews and poor film editing followed by long periods of silence.

Nationals, expatriates and any caring person in Kuwait was rightly concerned and wished to be informed of this tragedy as soon as the news bulletin opened.

Jane Wathe,  
Fahaseel.

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### Media corps have tough time at Algiers

From Jadranka Porter

ALGIERS: While the Algerian authorities continued their intermediary role this week, with equal determination to that shown on the arrival of the hijacked Kuwaiti airliner, there were signs of irritability with the international press as the hijack drama ended.

On the eve of Ramadan the media corps, which numbered close to 300, were thrown out of the airport VIP lounge onto the nearby lawn where six tents had been erected to protect them from heat during the day and the night-time chill.

To use the facilities such as toilets and telephones the journalists were directed to the main terminal building at the Algiers Houari Boumediene Airport which was already overburdened with the passenger traffic.

Telephone lines which were initially available for all were rented to large networks and news agencies and when not being used were kept locked.

The journalists who were received with a lot of courtesy and some curiosity and who upon arrival were given special treatment at the airport found that their requests were summarily dismissed.

This added to their frustration which mainly stemmed from the absence of any solid information on the negotiations just before the end of the hijack drama. But there were those who felt that reporters were not entirely free from blame.

On Monday, the first day of Ramadan, when most Algerians began their fast, the journalists, who virtually lived on the airport lawn, had stacks of foods and drinks, as well as blankets, pull-overs and sleeping bags, brought to them by locally hired assistants and drivers. Some munched steaks, sandwiches and oranges in tents but others did so in full view of dozens of Algerian security men.

An Algerian reporter accused



Journalists drink and eat in a tent city built at the Algiers Airport with the hijacked Kuwait Airways 747 in the background. (Reuter wirephoto)

### Economic woes trigger discontent in Turkey

By John Owen-Davies

ANKARA, (Reuters): Swept back to power less than six months ago, Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal is today beset by growing discontent, reflected in opinion polls showing electors dramatically deserting his cause.

Last November, his Motherland Party won 292 seats in the expanded 450-seat parliament. The main opposition party won 99 seats.

Soundings of the electorate's yesterdays late last month showed a stamp of support for the ruling party, with some putting it behind the main opposition Social Democrat Populist Party (SHP) for the first time.

The stumbling economy — with the effects of 70 per cent annual inflation on the country's \$2 billion mainly Muslim, people, and a growing foreign debt burden — is a central focus of general discontent. And Ozal faces trouble from organized labour and within the loosely-knit Motherland Party.

#### Economy

"Ozal has to tread a very narrow line if democracy is to thrive," one political source said. "There is no major alarm at the moment, just signals saying the economy must be put right."

Political analysts see no immediate threat to Ozal, an astute economic free-marketeer who applied 12 months ago for Turkey to become a full member of the European Economic Community (EEC).

Last November's election which returned the conservative Ozal to office was the most open poll since the 1980 Army coup crushed extremist political violence.

Economic problems and political chaos led to military interventions in 1960, 1972 and 1980, and some Turks now talk openly about intervention 10 years after the last coup.

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The situation was not made easier by the fact that the international media, which in the beginning hailed the Algerian

role in the hijack crisis, afterwards had little reason to continue giving credit to the Algerians, since the talks at one state appeared to be hopelessly deadlocked.

But in an extraordinary situation such as this when both the authorities and the media sought answers to one key question — when was this going to end? — cohabitation between the two was a must.

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Many officials and diplomats, however, scorn such talk. "Those who analyse Turkey in

#### Blame

Bankers and economists largely blame Ozal for the present economic situation, saying he gave free rein to the economy before November's general election and a referendum that lifted bans on politicians blamed for the pre-1980 chaos.

"Ozal let the economy run free last year to help create a favourable atmosphere before the referendum and the election. Now the penalty is being paid," one banker said.

Since the election, Ozal has announced price rises of up to 10



**Dear Junior Readers,**

Perhaps some of you have seen a popular poster with the caption, "A little act of kindness can fill a heart with joy" and a picture of a child giving flowers to a friend. When you first look at the poster you think about the joy of the child's friend as he receives the flowers. But if you actually put the thought behind the poster into action with your own act of kindness you will discover that it is your heart that is filled with joy as well as the person receiving your kindness.

An "act of kindness" can be no more than a simple thank you or helping your mother clear the table after dinner. Fill your heart and a friend's with joy by acts of kindness everyday.

Aunt Barbara

**Cross reference**

The object is to discover which letter of the alphabet each number in the diagram represents. Repeat the starter letters wherever their respective numbers occur; this should give you enough clues to start guessing at likely words.

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H	22	7	12	12	12	3	3	13	8	1	1
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A KING and queen, who had no child, wanted nothing more than to have one.

One day as the queen was bathing in a lake, a crab crawled out of the water onto the shore and said, "Your wish is to come true, for soon you will bear a daughter."

And so it happened. The king was overjoyed at the birth of a princess and ordered a great feast prepared. Among the guests invited were the famous dower fairies of the land. But as the king had only twelve golden plates and there were thirteen of these ladies, one had to be left out. The invited fairies all came, and at the end of the banquet, each gave forward to present the child with a gift. The first endowed her with virtue, the second gave her beauty, until each in turn had bestowed on the little princess all the worldly blessings anyone could wish for.

But just as the eleventh fairy had announced her gift, the thirteenth, furious that she had not been invited, appeared in the hall and cried out, "Because I was not asked to come here, I say that when your daughter is fifteen, she will prick herself on a spindle and fall dead."

The parents were terrified at these words, but the twelfth fairy, who had not yet spoken, said, "No, she will not die. Instead she will fall into a deep sleep that will last for a hundred years."

The king, who hoped

**Brier Rose**

somehow to save his beloved child, ordered all the spindles in the kingdom destroyed. The princess grew up and became a miracle of beauty. One day soon after her fifteenth birthday, the king and queen went visiting and the princess remained behind in the palace. She wandered about the grounds at will and finally came upon an ancient tower with a narrow stairway leading up to it. She was curious, and followed the stairs to the top where there was a little door with a key in its lock. She turned the key and the door sprang open, revealing a small room where an old woman sat spinning flax. She liked the old woman on sight and soon asked her if she might not try some spinning her-

self. As she spoke, she teasingly reached for the spindle and had barely touched it when it pricked her. She fell down and was at once in a deep sleep.

The king and queen and their retinue, had at that moment returned to the palace, and the whole court began to fall asleep: the horses in the stables, the doves on the roof, the mottled hunting dogs in the courtyard, the flies on the walls — even the fire in the hearth flickered and went out. The roast stopped sputtering; the cook, who was about to pull the hair of the kitchen boy, let him go; and the maid dropped the hen she was plucking. A thick hedge of thorn and bramble sprang up around the castle. It rose higher and higher until the

castle was completely hidden from view.

Many princes heard about beautiful Brier Rose and came to the sleeping court hoping to break the spell that held it. But not one of them was able to force his way through the thick hedge that surrounded the castle. They became imprisoned in the clawlike brambles. Once in their grasp, the princes were unable to free themselves and remained there, moaning until they died.

In this way many years went by, until it happened that a prince who was travelling through the land heard from an old man that, behind a thick bramble hedge, there stood a castle where, it was believed, a wonderfully beautiful princess and her entire court slept and could not be awakened.

"That does not frighten me," said the prince. "I will force my way through and free Brier Rose." He made his way to the place where the tall hedge stood, and when he came close to it, he found oot brambles, but blossoms that separated to let him pass, but which immediately turned to thorns again behind him. He soon reached the castle and found the horses and mottled hunting dogs asleep in the courtyard. On the roof the doves sat with their heads tucked beneath their wings. The prince entered the castle and saw the flies asleep on the walls, the hearth cold, the cook and maid asleep in the kitchen. He continued on

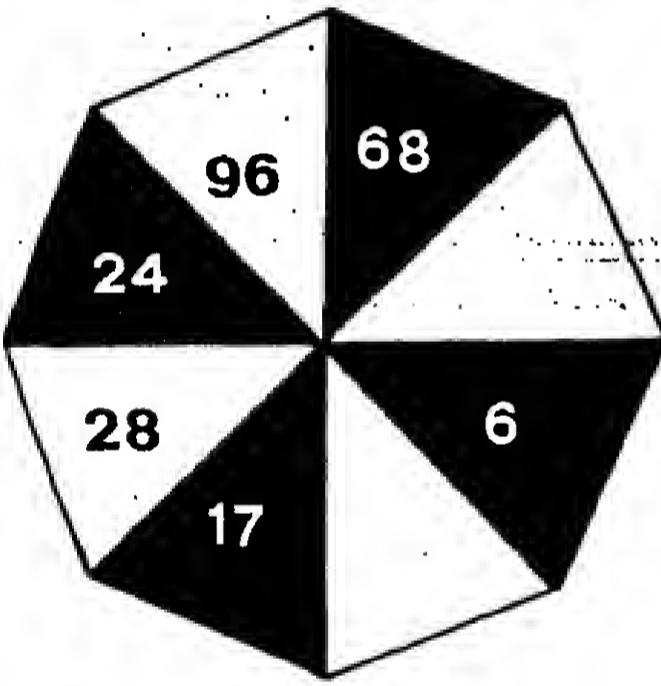


through the entire silent household, and finally he came to the sleeping king and queen. It was so still that he could hear his own breathing.

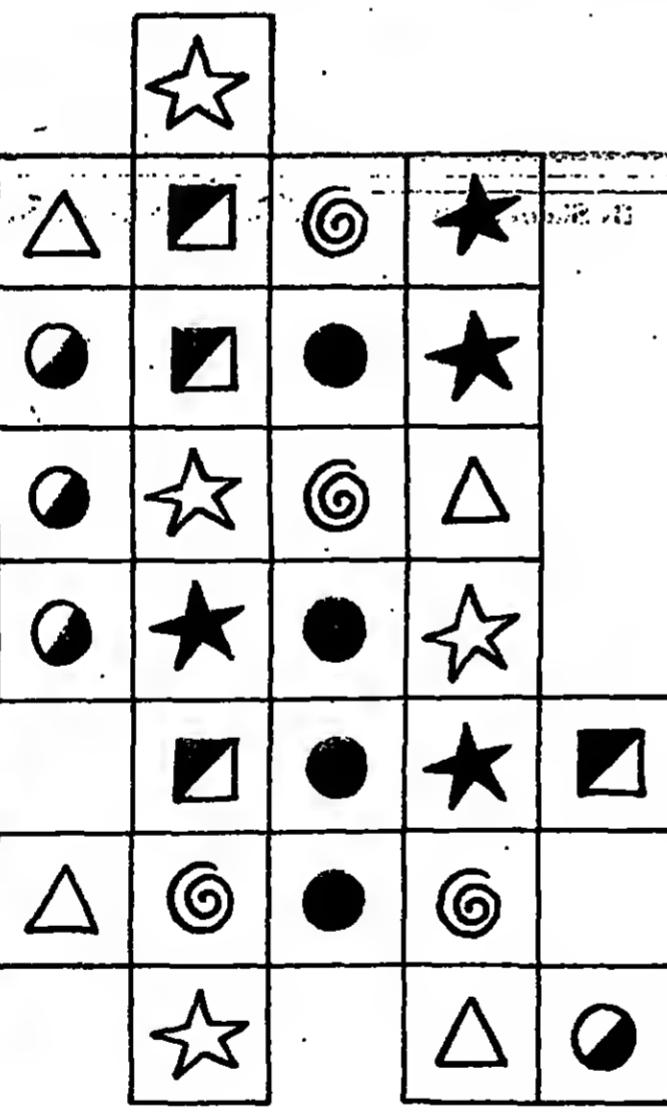
At last he entered the ancient tower in which Brier Rose lay sleeping. The prince was so awed by her beauty, that he knelt down and kissed her. She awoke at once, as did the king and queen, and their entire court. The dogs awoke, the doves moved on the roof and the flies oo the walls. In the kitchen the fire rekindled itself and continued cooking the roast, which sputtered on. The cook got up and boxed the kitchen boy's ear and the maid finished plucking the hen. The wedding of Brier Rose and the prince was celebrated that day, and they lived contentedly together for many years in their lives.

**Mind jogger**

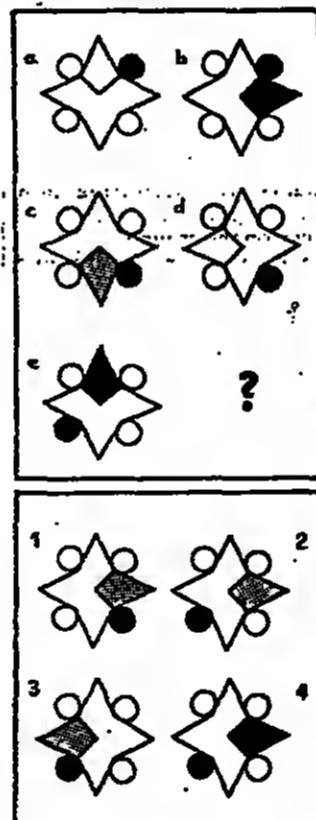
Which numbers logically fit into the blank segments?

**Equal shares**

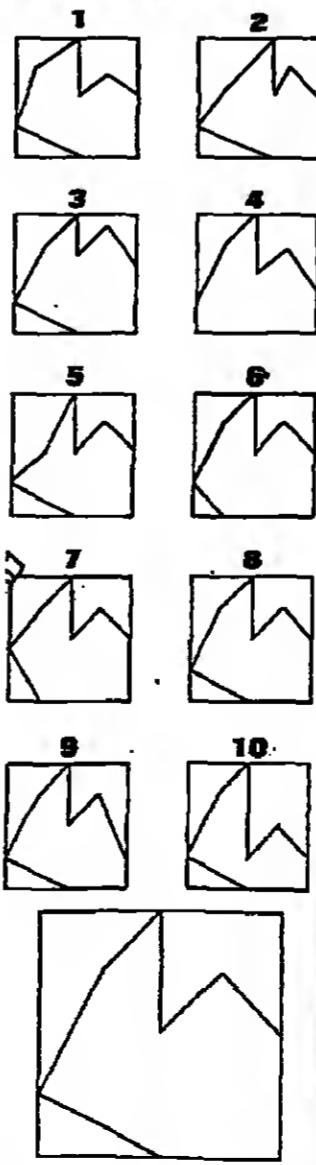
Can you divide this rectangle into four equally shaped and sized areas, each part containing one of each of the seven symbols shown?

**It's logic**

Which of the four numbered figures logically fits in place of the question mark?

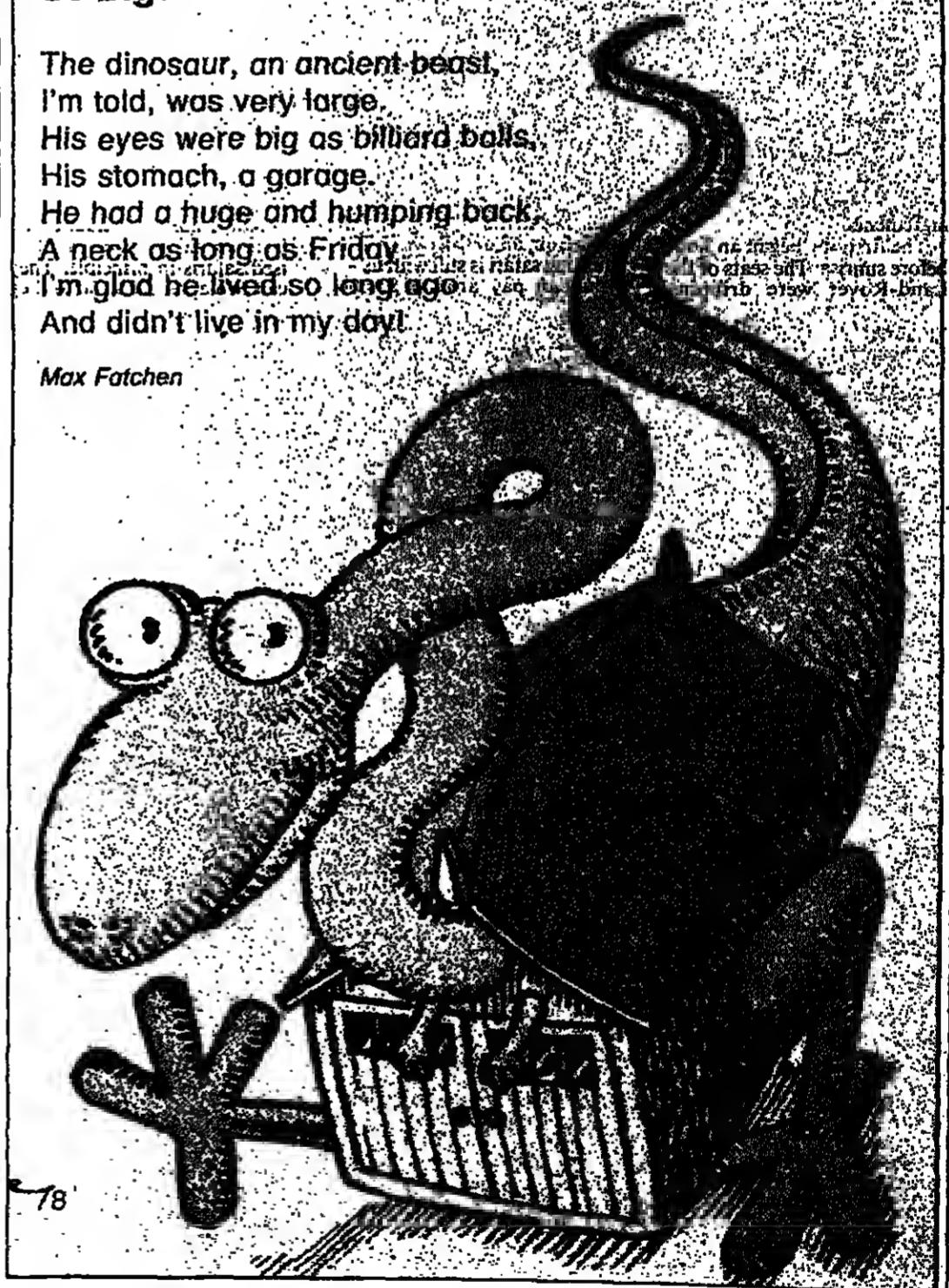
**Bigger figure**

Which of the ten numbered figures is the same as the enlargement, figure A?

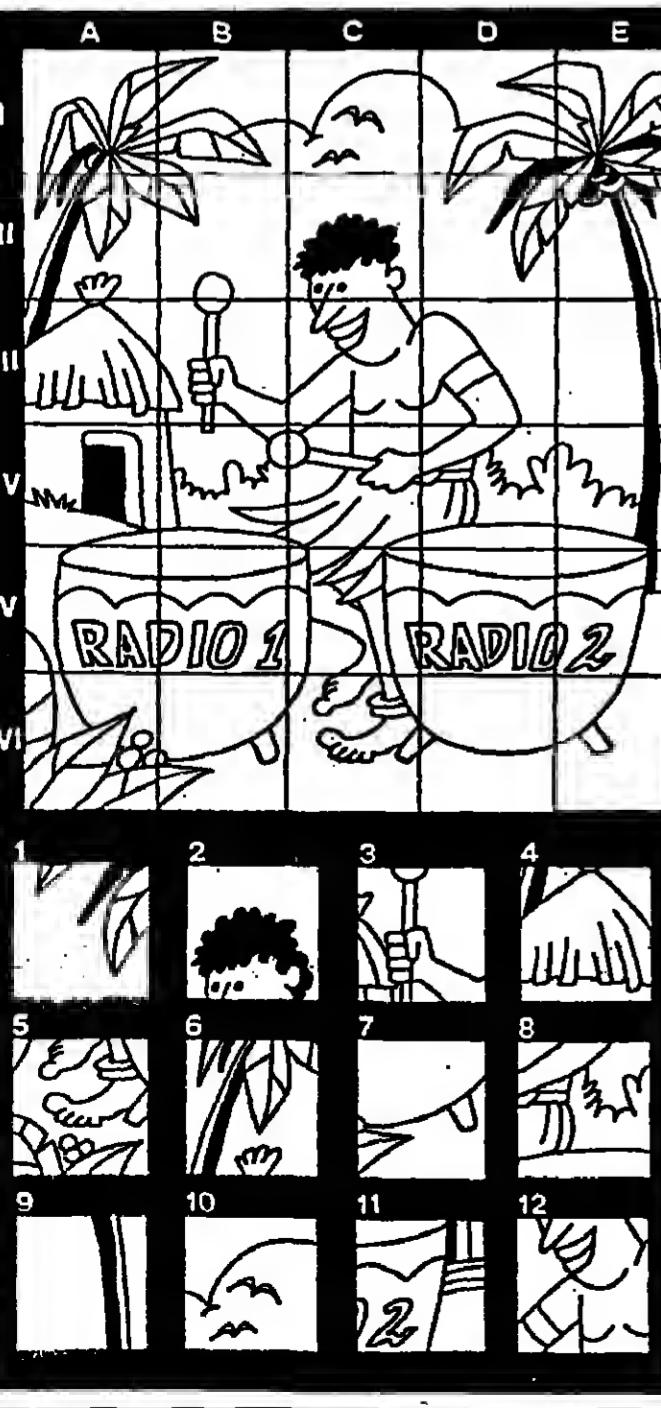
**So Big!**

The dinosaur, an ancient beast, I'm told, was very large. His eyes were big as billiard balls. His stomach, a garage. He had a huge and humping back. A neck as long as Friday. I'm glad he lived so long ago. And didn't live in my day!

Max Fatchen

**Matching drums**

Which of the twelve small pictures are exact copies of divisions of the large picture?

**Alphabet stew**

Knowing that  $6213 + 67 = ABCD$ , that one A equals two T and one B equals two N, can you replace each of the letters with their correct number so that the multiplication sum is correct?

**Asia**

Where to find the most beautiful city in Japan

The cities of Japan have grown extremely rapidly since the Second World War mainly because of the spread of new industries which provided work for people but made the cities rather ugly. Ooe city escaped this fate. Kyoto, the ancient capital of Japan founded by the Emperor Kwammu in A.D 794. For a thousand years Kyoto was the capital of the Japanese empire. During this time it became rich in monuments and the architecture of its buildings resembled that of Chinese cities. Kyoto had stout walls built all round it

as a defence against attackers and the city was approached through eight gates in the walls. Inside were many gardens and temples of the Buddhist and Shinto religions.

Kyoto is also famous for its works of art and craftsmanship, especially porcelain and silks, and is today visited by many tourists.

Where the city of Troy stood

Until the 1850s many historians thought that the great adventures described by Homer in the Iliad and Odyssey were all fables which had existed only in the poet's imagination. But between 1870 and 1890 excavations carried out by Heinrich Schliemann, a German businessman, established not only that the great city had actually existed but that nine different Troys had stood on the spot. Each city had been destroyed and a new one rebuilt during a period of 3,000 years.

Later excavations by other archaeologists confirmed Schliemann's belief that these ruins were really the remains of Troy. The archaeologists also found that the seventh stratum, or layer, of the ruins dated back to the great battles and sieges in which this city, ruled by King Priam, was destroyed. Today we are certain that Troy did exist and that its towers rose from the summit of a hill called Hisarlik that now stands in Turkey by the waters of the Hellespont.

45-day adventure of 7,011 miles

# From London to China, by train

By Betty M. Ames

LONDON — My train-hungry husband was ecstatic about chugging from London in Xian, China. I had a strong sense of trepidation, since I had braved the Red Arrow from Peking to London — via Mongolia, Siberia, and Moscow — only the year before.

But as the plans unfolded, I began to realize that this trip, initially offered three years ago by Voyages Jules Verne in London, was a real first in itinerary and mode of travel. Not only would my husband and I have a compartment to ourselves on this maiden voyage, but the entire train would be private with the exception of some of the European rail lines, and even there our tour would have private cars.

When we went, the trip was called "2100 Years of the Silk Road." Since then, it has been renamed "On the Tracks of Marco Polo." The send-off from London, we found, was indeed fitting for an incredible 45-day adventure of 7,011 miles.

At night we were booked into hotels that were the best each stop had to offer, and in the larger cities the accommodations were excellent. Sometimes a two-night stand gave us extra time for exploration as well as the usually fine tours offered in each city. Lavish meals were prepared for us in every country, either on the train or in restaurants.

After hoarding our train in London, we visited Paris, Salzburg, and Vienna. In Budapest, our hotel, the luxurious Intercontinental, overlooked the



Samarkand, USSR: one stop on the Marco Polo trail

Danube, and on the train to Bucharest we followed the Daubou and looked out on red-tiled roofs and green hills.

I would have thought the trip by steam train from Bucharest to Sinaia in Transylvania, up an autumn-coloured valley beside a rushing river, was the most beautiful, even if we had not

had him.

The first part of our journey followed the route of the original Orient Express trains. At Varna, Bulgaria, we boarded ships, just as the Orient Express travellers used to do, and slept overnight as we crossed the Black Sea. We awakened as the ship passed through the Bosphorus and into the minaret splendour of Istanbul. Some travellers left us at this point, but 100 of us began the Silk Road across Turkey by steam train. We were intrigued by views of mud huts and barren mountains.

As we moved eastward in Turkey, the hotels, had they been star-ranked, would have dropped stars rapidly as we progressed. Lodgings were in small towns, with few visitors from the West.

We felt so engrossed in a culture very different from our own that every new experience called for tolerance and brought the excitement of discovery. To have our own room with bath seemed remarkable to us. From our hotel balcony in Erzincan, Turkey, we overlooked the only paved street, saw people hauling water from the town pump, and women covered in brown hulap with only their eyes showing.

From an overnight in Kayseri, in the province of Cappadocia, we hopped to the Goreme Valley, where we had the thrill of seeing churches and homes dating from the 11th century carved right into wind-shaped columns of volcanic rock. The churches came complete with carved pillars and religious frescoes painted on the cave walls.

hugged through even more magnificent countryside to see Dracula's many-tiered castle, high on a hill. Yes, Dracula lived there from 1456 to 1462. He was a hero as a fighter against Turks. "Vlad the Impaler," he was called, but he was not a vampire, as English novelist Bram Stoker would

have him. After six days we came in the border between Turkey and the Soviet Union. It was an exciting and somewhat tense moment as we left our Turkish train, crossed a platform, and boarded brand-new sleeping cars on the Soviet train. It had come across the 100-yard barrier, closed for 35 years, for the express purpose of taking us aboard.

Our train took us through the republics of Georgia, Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan, and Kazakhstan. Beautiful, mountainous Tbilisi, the Caspian Sea, and the markets of Bokhara highlighted our journey.

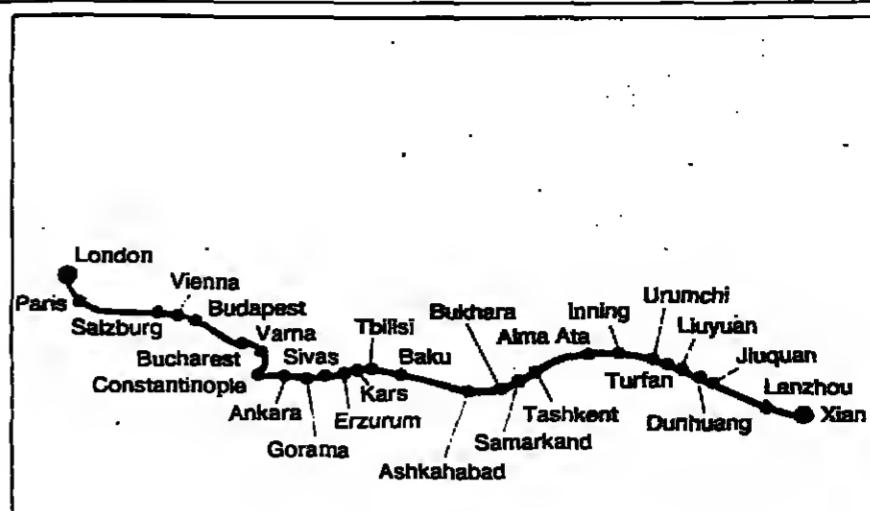
At fabled Samarkand, where my husband and I went off on our own to the Pamirs with hired driver, we had an exhilarating hike and met two villagers who had come by donkey to fill baskets with wild apples for market. Later, we came upon a small girl and her little brother tending a large herd of sheep.

Final stops in the Soviet Union were modern Tashkent, where 40 percent of the city was rebuilt after a 1966 earthquake, and Alma-Ata, snuggled at the foot of the towering Altai Mountains, where the Medeo Olympic Speed Skating rink was built at an altitude of 5,000 feet. Then our hosts hosed us to the Chinese border 185 miles away.

Travelling through a vast desert with snowy mountains in the distance, we rounded a bend into the Chary River Canyon and stopped. There, in the middle of nowhere, we found tables laid out for us, and waiters barbecuing shish kebab and serving tea.

## Surprise

The next surprise came a few hours later. When we drove into the isolated town of Panfilov, a great portion of the 30,000 residents were standing on the street corners to welcome us and gaze on their first tourists. A sumptuous banquet with all the town dignitaries was spread out in the town hall, and local musicians and dancers entertained on top. The facial features of the people reflected the fact that we were



the Chinese horses. We drove a short distance to a great hoopla of percussion and dances.

From the old city of Innin, where we spent the night we travelled by bus over the Tianshan Mountains. At 8,000 feet, the sapphire hue of Lake

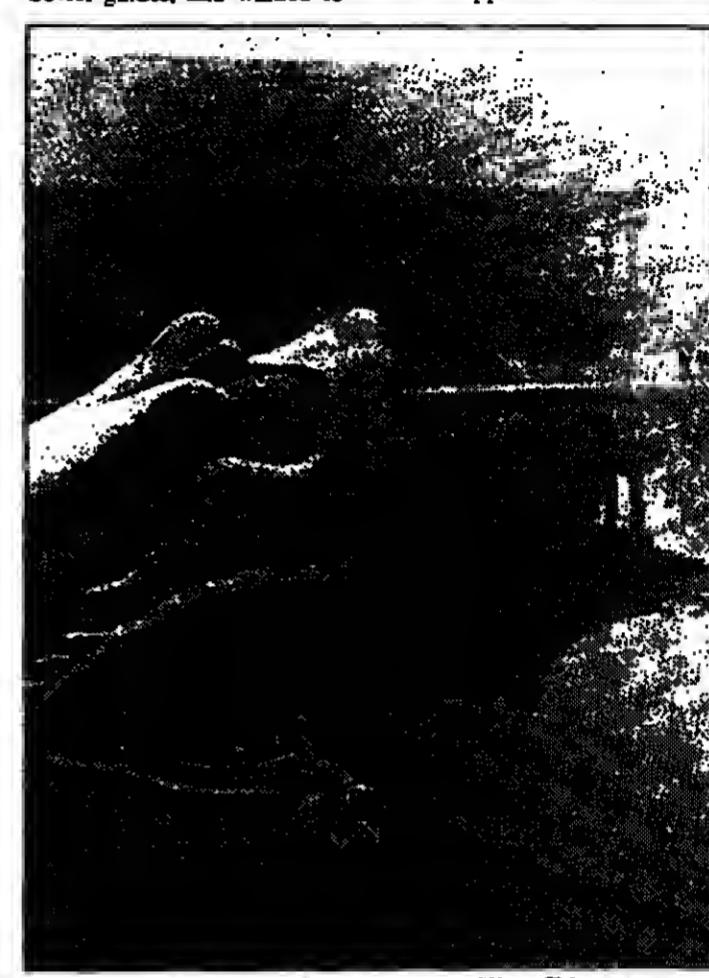
Sayram suddenly spread out before us. As we travelled beside it, a herd of wild horses galloped by in the desert.

We saw camels and yerts, and farmers driving their trucks at break-neck speed to bring their produce to market. After an overnight in a guesthouse to the small, dusty town of Shihizi, we arrived at Urumchi, the Western Provinces' biggest city, and checked into a large, modern hotel.

Two days later we boarded our smooth Chinese steam train and settled into our lace-curtained compartment that we had for the rest of the trip. Our train waited for us while we spent nights at comfortable hotels in Turfan, Dunhuang, Jiuguan, and Lanzhou, then chugged through the spectacular Wei River Valley with its mountains, terraced for farming on even the steepest slopes.

The last stop, Xian, provided the warmest welcome of all. Five hundred railway workers' children in costume and makeup greeted us on the platform, rhythmically waving pompons, heating drums, and saying "warm welcome" in Chinese. Our stay in Xian was the end of our magical voyage, where the world's wonders flashed before us as though by the touch of a wand.

If you go — The trip is scheduled each September. Travellers may arrange to take a shorter portion of the journey. For more information on this or other train trips, contact Voyages Jules Verne, 10 Glencoe St., London, N.W.1. 1988, The Christian Science Monitor.



The last stop on the Marco Polo adventure is Xian, China, near Hua Ching hot springs.

By Andrew Powell

**Africa, on foot**

ON my very first morning in an African game park I came to an important conclusion: the recipe for a memorable safari is a great deal more complicated than anyone ever imagines. Seven years and as many safaris later, I am still experimenting with different permutations of ingredients.

The first day began an hour before sunrise. The seats of the Land-Rover were dripping with dew as we lurched out of the camp on to a dirt road, crashing from pothole to pothole, the body of the vehicle trying to wrench itself from the chassis in the classic African manner. After about 10 minutes the driver pulled off the track and stopped. We sat expectantly, shivering, waiting for the dawn.

**Landscape**

Within minutes the elements of the landscape began to separate themselves from the early-morning mist and as the light strengthened, the animals gradually emerged from the murk. Thousands of them. There were dense herds of buffalo, zebra and wildebeest and, scattered at random, smaller groups of waterbuck, hartebeest, topi and Thomson's gazelle. A short way off, half a dozen elephants, muddy brown after a midnight wallow, were engaged in some energetic deforestation, while a giraffe fastidiously trimmed the topiary of a flat-topped acacia.

In the next couple of hours we drove little more than a mile across Kenya's Masai Mara, but we still managed to encounter a pride of lions, a pair of cheetah and dozens of less obviously newsworthy animals; hyena, jackal, hippo, porcupine, baboon, warthog, impala, mongoose.

By 7.30 am the sun was fully up and quite hot. "We're outside the reserve now," my guide shouted through the roof hatch. "We'll get out, stretch our legs and have some coffee."

Having recently seen five full-grown lions no more than a quarter of a mile away I considered voicing doubts about the wisdom of this impromptu picnic, but it was too late: he was already striding away towards a convenient flat-rock with drink and sandwiches.

Setting one boot cautiously on to the freshly cropped grass, I saw the last of the antelope bounding off in the direction of Tanzania. (I am still amazed by wild animals' indifference to safari vehicles and their terror at the sight of a solitary human being.) "So this is it," I thought, standing with both feet on the turf. "This is Africa."

Instantly I realised the absurdity of the reflection. After all, three days had passed since the delights of Nairobi customs. Nonetheless the impression persisted. It was not until I stood on the ground with nothing but the breeze between me and the animals, away from civilization in all its forms (though admittedly not far away from the Land-Rover)



A Masai warrior enjoys the benefits of modern technology.

By Simon Scott Plummer

**CURVING** in a long S down the South China Sea, Vietnam is terra incognita to all but a handful of Western travellers. Yet it has 1,875 miles of coast, a mountainous interior of pristine beauty and unusual historical monuments. For those who want something less familiar, and more arduous, than the stereotyped Far East package, it could be a rewarding choice.

To visit Vietnam is to take a step into the past. This is especially so in Hanoi, the capital, whose tree-lined streets and shuttered villas have changed little since the French left in 1954.

As in Peking, the main means of transport is the bicycle. Millions of them glide through the city, weaving in and out of each other at intersections without the constraints of traffic lights or white lines.

This is the best way to discover Hanoi but you will need to borrow a bike; the Vietnamese have not yet taken up the Chinese practice of hiring them out.

Among the sights are the Temple of Literature, which is dedicated to Confucius and became Vietnam's first university in the 11th century; the old quarter, which contains the Dong Xuan market and small streets named after different trades; a military museum which displays captured French and American weapons; and large expanses of water, first of all the Red River, on whose right bank the city stands, but also three lakes.

The hotel in which I stayed, the Tho Hoa Nhat, has the same colonial charm as the city in general. A revolving wooden door leads into the foyer and the rooms have a rare spaciousness for this cost-consciousness.

However, they are also grubby from years of use and their electrical wiring is alarmingly primitive. If you want something more modern, try the Thanh Loi, a hotel built out into one of the lakes by the Cubans.

Ho Chi Minh City, at the other end of the country, is busier and more cosmopolitan than the capital. Called Saigon until its capture by the Communists in 1975, it retains something of its capitalist past.

The hotels are comfortable, the restaurants do brisk business and the shops and street stalls sell Japanese electronic equipment and American cigarettes.



The best way to see Hanoi is on a bike.

From my room in the Cuu Long (formerly Majestic) Hotel I had a splendid view over the Saigon River and the docks, one of the chief attractions of the city. Also worth visiting are the Ben Thanh market, the biggest emporium in Vietnam, and Cholon, a Chinatown with 500,000 inhabitants.

Ho Chi Minh City is within easy reach of the Mekong delta, in which one of the world's greatest rivers divides into nine arms. Below it, on the coast, is the resort of Vung Tau, where you can bathe all year round.

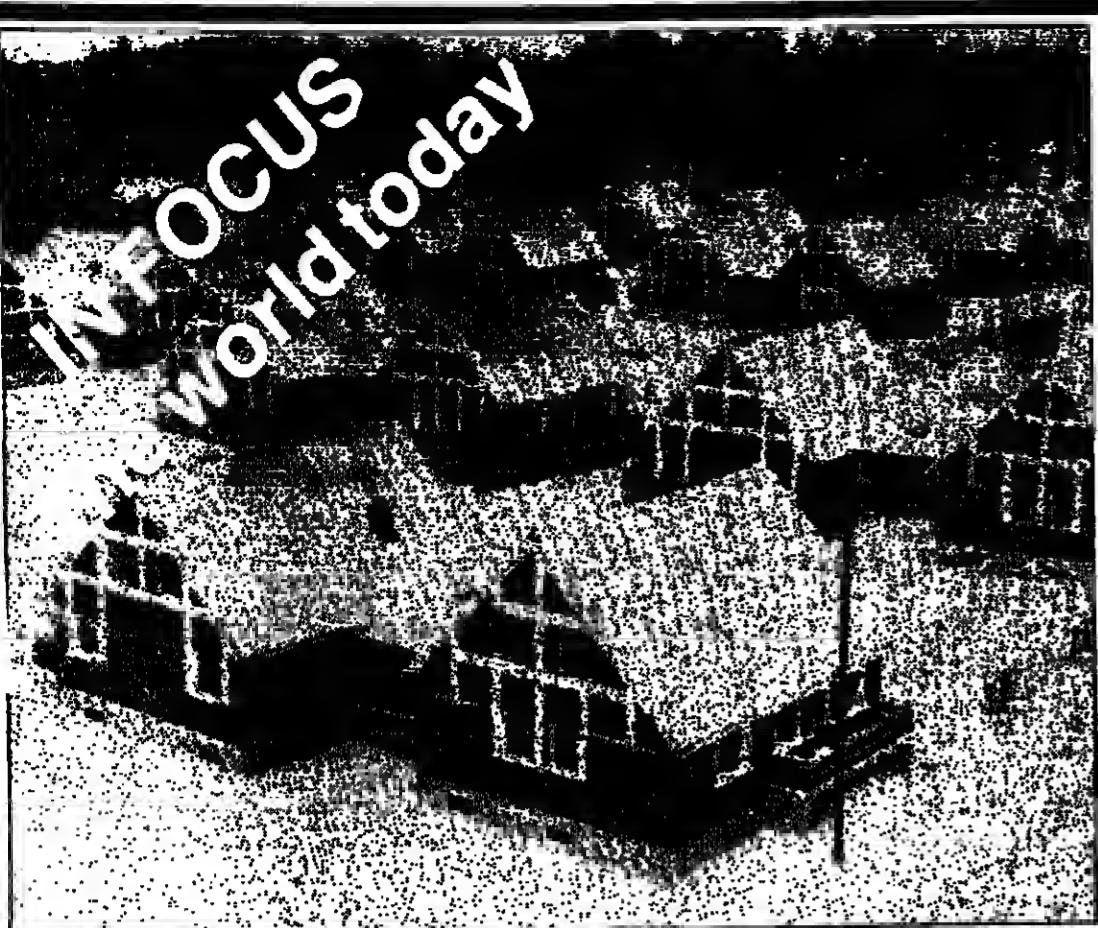
No tour of Vietnam would be complete without a visit to Hue in the centre of the country. The old capital of the Annamite emperors lies on the Perfume River. In the garden behind is an old Austin 105 Six in which the Buddhist monk

Thich Quang Duc drove himself on the streets of Saigon in 1963 in protest against the government.

In Vietnam you are off the tourist-beaten track and the going can be rough. The food is poor and the water dirty so it is essential to carry a remedy for stomach upsets. You are also advised to take malaria pills and to have yourself inoculated against typhoid, cholera, tetanus, polio, hepatitis and Japanese encephalitis.

A lesser hazard is the exchange rate. There is a wide discrepancy between the number of dong you get to the dollar officially at the bank and the illegal black market rate. A legal tourist rate lies somewhere between the two.

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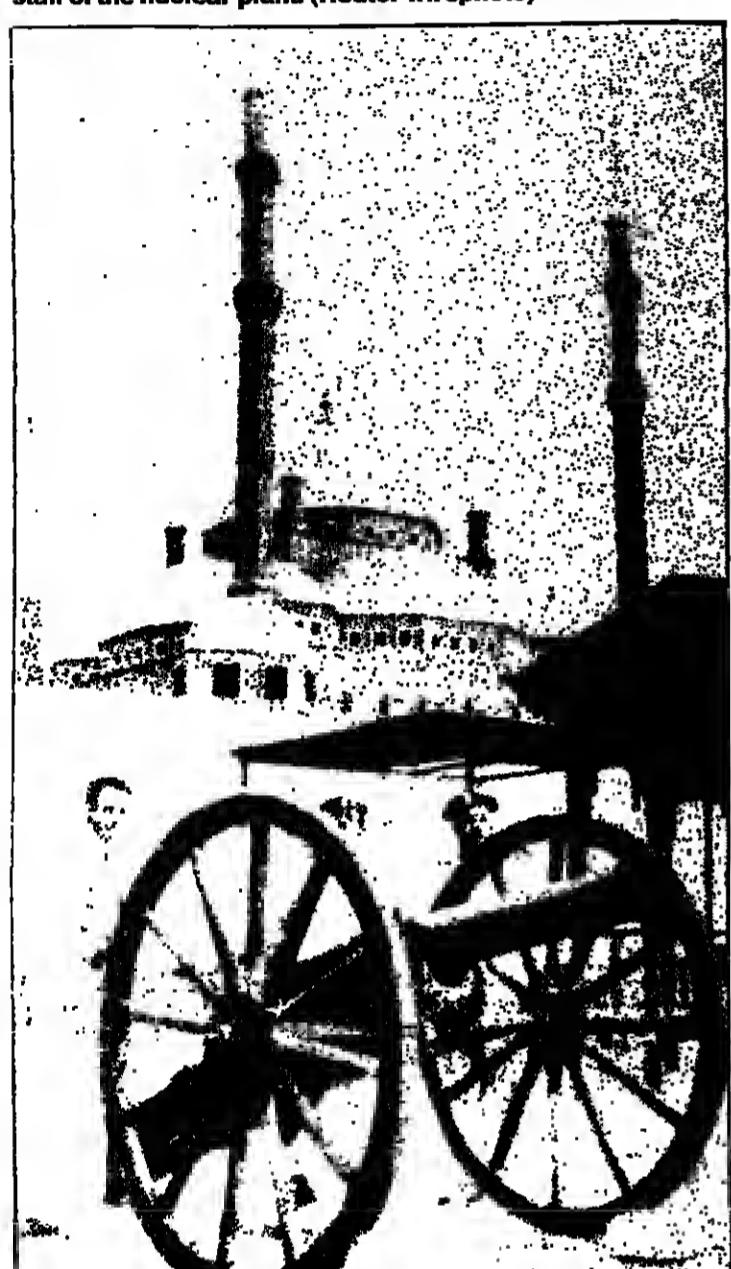
A VIEW of the new cottages that have been built in the township of Slavutich in the Ukraine near the site of the 1986 nuclear accident at Chernobyl. The homes are for the staff of the nuclear plant. (Reuter wirephoto)



ONE of the released passengers shows how the hijackers kept him handcuffed using a plastic strap. (Reuter wirephoto)



TWO of the released 31 hostages from the Kuwait Airways 747 in Algiers tell of their 16 days as hostages aboard the hijacked airliner. The toy bear and radio in the foreground were hand-luggage they brought off the aircraft with them. (Kuna picture)



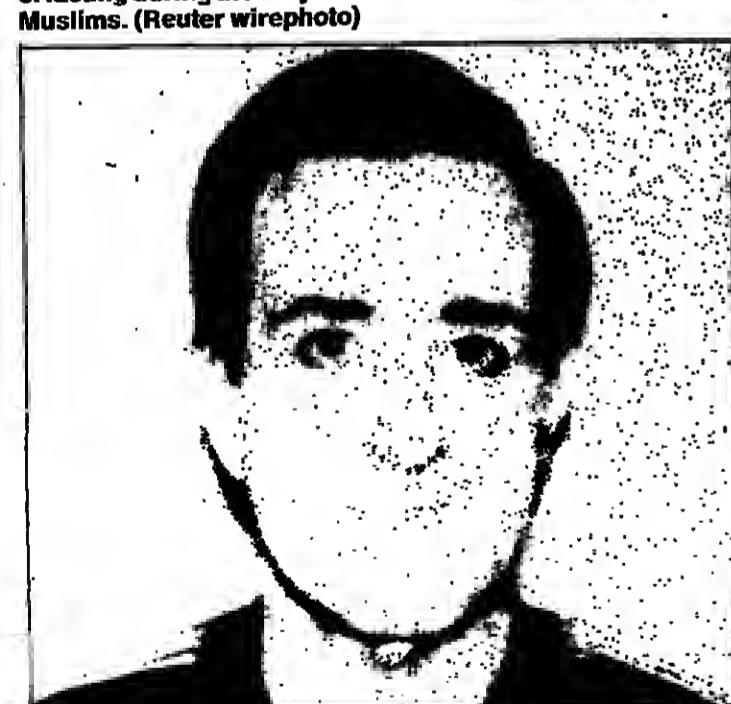
THREE policemen prepare to fire a 150-year-old British-made cannon at dusk to announce to Cairo's 12 million inhabitants, that it is time to eat, after a sunrise to dusk day of fasting during the holy month of Ramadan observed by Muslims. (Reuter wirephoto)



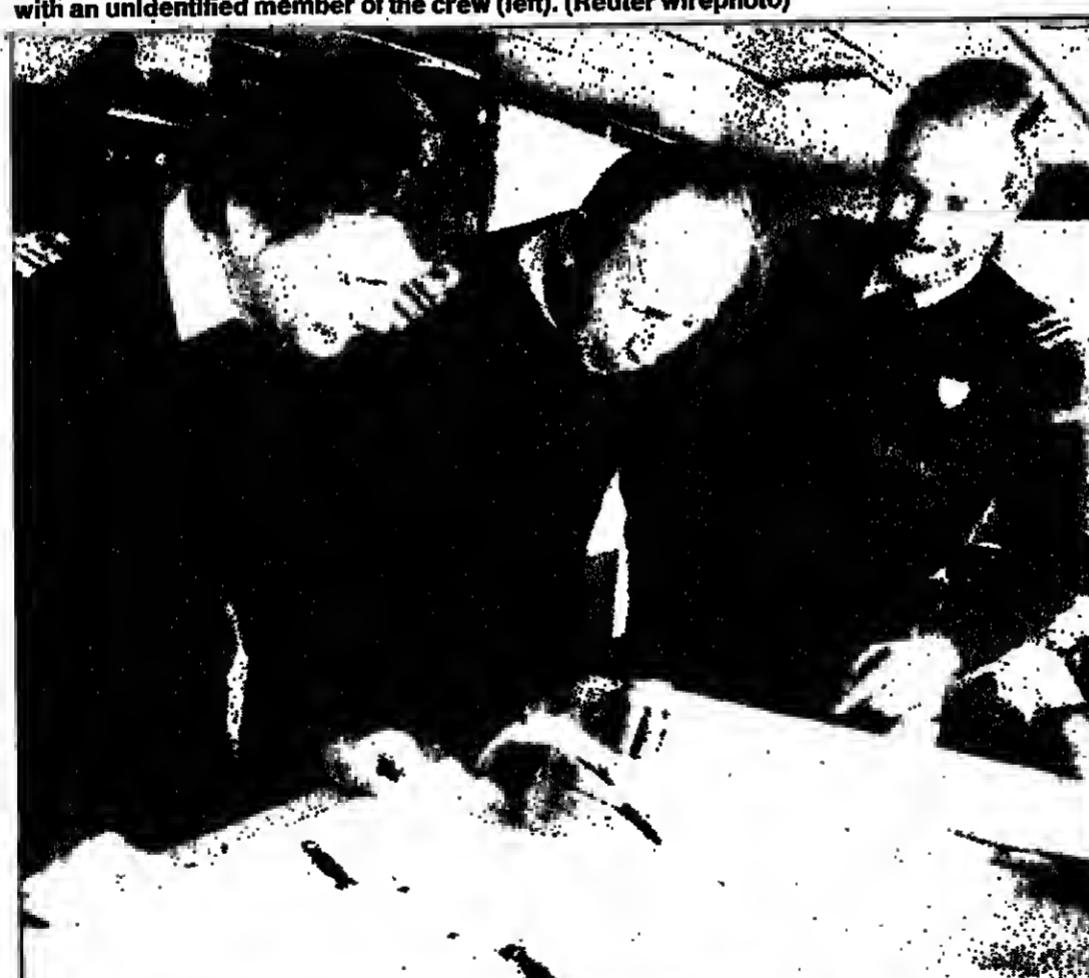
THE pilot of the Kuwait Airways Boeing jet 747 captain Subhi Naim Youssef talks to the press shortly after being released from his hijacked airliner. Youssef (right) is pictured with an unidentified member of the crew (left). (Reuter wirephoto)



YOUNG and old celebrate the release of the hostages held aboard the hijacked airliner for 16 days. (Kuna picture)



A REPRODUCTION of a photo of US hostage Joseph James Ciclippo, sent along with a statement by the Revolutionary Justice Organisation to Beirut's independent An Nahar newspaper on Tuesday. The group threatened to harm two Americans if held if any attempt was made to storm the hijacked Kuwaiti airliner in Algiers. (Reuter wirephoto)



LIEUTENANT COMMANDER Bent Thygesen of the Royal Danish Navy (left), Commander Bob Cuypers of the Belgian Navy (centre) and Lieutenant Commander Reinhard Wilhelm of the West German Navy check the position of the coastal mine-layer HDMS 'Lossen' during the Nato exercise Blue Harrier in the North Sea on Tuesday. (Reuter wirephoto)



PALESTINIAN mourners raise their hands in the victory sign as an ambulance carrying the coffin of slain Palestinian military commander Abu Jihad drives through the streets of Damascus on Tuesday. Abu Jihad was machine-gunned in his home in Tunis on Saturday. (Reuter wirephoto)



KATARINA WITT (left) from the German Democratic Republic and Brian Bolano from the US, both world champions and gold-medallists in figure skating, chat during the Ice-Gala in Stuttgart on Tuesday. (Reuter wirephoto)



JORDAN'S Crown Prince El Hassan (left) meets with Japanese Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita at the latter's official residence in Tokyo yesterday. Hassan flew into Tokyo on Tuesday for a five-day official visit to Japan. (Reuter wirephoto)



RUSSIAN-BORN dancer Rudolf Nureyev stretches in preparation for a performance in Columbia, South Carolina, on Tuesday, as part of the University of South Carolina's Year of the Arts presentations. (Reuter wirephoto)

# BUSINESS & FINANCE

*Jyoti Lata*

Development finance vital for overall growth

## New debate needed on future of world economy

VIENNA, April 20. (Opecna): The time is right for a new debate on the future of the world economy, especially the prospects of developing countries, according to Dr Seyid Abdulai, director general of the Opec Fund for International Development.

He was speaking on Friday in Washington at the annual meeting of the joint ministerial committee of the boards of governors of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on "transfer of real resources to developing countries."

In his statement entitled "development finance in the

1990s and beyond", Abdulai said a pragmatic effort was required to chart the broad outlines of what could reasonably be done by all concerned to help plan an acceptable medium-term future for developing countries.

The dialogue between nations had gained momentum, he said, adding that recent historical developments in the Soviet Union, China and elsewhere visible, but real progress in perceiving, if not solving, major economic problems were new factors which could not be ignored.

He added that of even greater importance were the "thawing

winds" which seemed to be leading to political settlements on many fronts without which no debate on economic matters could be conducted.

The Opec Fund chief stressed that many developing countries had implemented policies prescribed in the recent past and "they are today looking at the

Lead

"It is most urgent that a perspective be given to them," he said, adding that the development committee was well placed to take the lead.

Abdulai expressed his concern at the absence of a concerted and coordinated effort to establish a framework for development finance in the 1990s and beyond.

Growth

He said a substantial proportion of the development finance institutions' funding was now absorbed by debt servicing and the liquidation of the debt "overhang", while structural adjustment programmes and urgent basic social schemes were starved of funds.

Growth, which was a prerequisite for economic adjustment and debt liquidation, was not adequately provided for, he said, adding that the reluctance of private institutions and commercial banks to ensure a continuous flow of funds was a further burden on the shoulders of development finance institutions.

He said the increase in the resource base of development finance institutions had emerged from the realisation that the debt overhang would not be solved without a substantial contribution from these institutions.

Additional funds, he said, should be applied to the solution of problems incurred by existing investments. Thus, the decline in the total volume of flows observed today, which was accounted for mostly by the decline in flows from commercial banks and export credit agencies, left a "yawning gap" in the demand of the developing countries for external financing.

Abdulai said little progress had been achieved in the promotion of trade, and commodity prices remained "dodgily depressed." The "much-hoped-for impetus" expected from the "engine" of the developed economies was yet to materialise.

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## World Business Summary

### US stock market allowed operations in London

LONDON, April 20. (Reuters): Britain gave permission yesterday for the first foreign stock market to operate in London's financial district alongside established British institutions. Stock market analysts said the move, resisted by some members of the London Stock Exchange, was likely to be seen by financial markets as a milestone in the globalisation of securities trading. The Department of Trade and Industry said in a statement it was granting the US-based Nasdaq Company, an electronic share-dealing system, full legal rights to operate as an overseas investment exchange in London. Nasdaq, which has the world's third-largest securities market turnover behind the New York and Tokyo exchanges, said the go-ahead meant British-based dealers could trade directly with their US counterparts. Until yesterday British brokers had to use members of Nasdaq (the National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotations) who were based in the United States to execute orders.

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"We attach great significance to the desire of overseas stock exchanges to operate in the UK because it emphasises the importance of the City of London ... we now have operating here two of the world's four largest stock markets," he said. Joseph Hardiman, president of the US National Association of Securities Dealers, said he intended to encourage more European companies to list their shares on Nasdaq. "Nasdaq's electronic market has effectively been extended across the Atlantic Ocean," he told a news conference earlier.

### Frenchman on trial in Norway for family share deals

OSLO, April 20. (Reuters): A former top share dealer at Norway's biggest bank went on trial yesterday accused of illegally using bank funds to play world stocks markets on behalf of members of his family. Frenchman Philippe Hecker, 37, denied charges on the first day of his trial that he seriously breached the economic trust of Den Norske Creditbank (DNC). The charge carries a maximum penalty of six years. Hecker is accused of speculating in the name of his mother and sister-in-law, making unauthorised transactions in their name with 1.25 million crowns (\$200 million) of the bank's money. He also denied a charge that he exceeded his authorisation when buying shares worth 63 million crowns (\$10 million) another Norwegian bank. "DNC estimates its loss on Hecker's transactions to be about 82 million crowns (\$13.3 million)," DNC spokesman Leif Nyboe told Reuters. DNC, which lost about 885 million crowns (\$145 million) on share trading last year, asked police to press criminal charges against Hecker after he was dismissed from his job last November. Hecker, who has lost 20 kilos (44 lb) since his imprisonment last November, gave his occupation as actor when he appeared in court for the trial, which is expected to last two weeks.

### Mining firm urges new constitution

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, April 20. (AP): De Beers Consolidated Mines Ltd., in statements critical of government racial policies, called today for a new equal-opportunity constitution for South Africa. The company, which controls the supply and marketing of 80 per cent of the world's diamonds, said apartheid laws and educational inequalities hamper its efforts to treat employees equally. De Beers Chairman Ogilvie Thompson urged in his annual statement the negotiation of a constitution to "provide equal opportunity and political participation for all, protected by an entrenched bill of rights." De Beers strongly supports rapid reform toward equal opportunity and dignity for all South Africans, based on full participation in the political process. Regrettably, I cannot report any notable progress in this direction in the year under review." In their annual report, De Beers directors said the company was impeded in treating employees of all races equally by the group areas act. The act bars racial mixing of residential areas. De Beers is helping some black miners to own their homes, instead of living in all-male hotels. De Beers said it is providing special training for blacks because "blacks competing on the job market in South Africa do so from a disadvantaged educational base."

### Corporate profits up

## Japanese economy is roaring, says economist

TOKYO, April 20. (AP): Japan's economy has taken off on one of the biggest booms in the past five years, surprising many economists who only last year were predicting a recession.

Economists say the boom will continue on for at least two more years, adding that the government's predictions for a 3.75-per cent growth in gross national product annually for the next five years is probably too conservative.

During the past 11 months, manufacturing output shot up 14 per cent, a figure that took twice as long to achieve during the boom years of the 1970s, according to economists.

Forecasts for this year, prepared by the Merrill Lynch Investment Firm, say that if the economy continues at its present pace:

- The gross national product will grow at 5 per cent;
- corporate profits will grow by about 18 per cent;
- retail sales will grow at an annual rate of 13.8 per cent.

"The speed of Japan's recovery has surprised most commentators. This is really a remarkable pace," said Rich Jerran, an economist for the Kleinwort Benson Investment

firm. "The domestic economy is roaring."

The finance ministry says corporate profits were up 38.1 per cent in the fourth quarter of last year, overall profits for 1987 were up 27.2 per cent over the previous year. And, according to the prime minister's office, household savings were up 11.8 per cent for the past year. Inflation-adjusted consumer spending rose a near-record 5.8 per cent in February alone, second only to a 5.9 per cent rise recorded in November 1975.

William P. Sterling, senior economist for Merrill Lynch in Tokyo, said Japan had enough growth in 1987 to keep the economic boom rolling for the rest of this year.

"This should be good news to the United States and other countries that trade with Japan," Sterling said. "This makes Japan the market of choice for any country with goods to sell."

Sterling said declines in exports because of the rising yen had a cooling effect in 1986, but that only 17 per cent of Japan's GNP was affected.

The other 83 per cent is not exports, and that did very well," he said.

Sterling said the current boom

is the best in the past four or five years, although the officially projected GNP growth rate of 3.75 per cent is low compared to the 8 to 10 per cent a year Japan achieved during the 1960s and part of the 1970s.

"This growth cycle could be a strong and a long one," he said.

Just last May, economists were saying Japan was headed for an economic downturn, with the yen rising rapidly and driving up prices for its export-driven economy.

Industrial production fell to its lowest in years, and the unemployment rate rose to a record 3.2 per cent. Japan's unemployment rate is artificially low, because of the armed forces and people who work more than one hour during the last week of the month are counted as employed.

"I think the turning point came in 1986, when the yen was strong against the dollar," Jerran said.

"There was a lot of pressure to stop the yen from going up. Japan achieved this by cutting interest rates, fuelling a domestic housing boom that contributed about one-third of the GNP growth."

Jerran said the government also injected 6 trillion yen (\$48

billion) into the economy, through public works spending and tax cuts.

At a news conference yesterday, Bank of Japan Governor Satoshi Sumita said he was pleased with the economy's performance, and said one of his biggest concerns now is maintaining stability.

He attributed the recent growth to increased personal consumption, housing investment and capital investments, and said the growth is unlikely to be undermined unless the yen appreciates suddenly, or there is a rapid rise in prices.

If there is a downside to the Japanese economy, it appears to be in housing starts and the relative prosperity Japan has been enjoying for the past year.

Economists say things have been so good, there is bound to be a slowdown.

The cost of housing has reached the point where it takes eight years of a worker's gross income to purchase a small condominium, which costs about \$500,000. Four years is considered normal in most other countries.

Also, few of the benefits of the strong economy have trickled down to the consumer.

### Kuwait's economic policy praised

LONDON, April 20. (Kuna): A leading specialised publication here has praised Kuwait's "mature" political and economic policies.

In an eight-page supplement, the Middle East Economic Digest (Meed) published on Monday, said "Kuwait's standing as one of the world's most mature, pragmatic, stable and prosperous small nations remains intact despite the challenges of the past 12 months."

Analysing Kuwait's economy, Meed quoted one "Western diplomat" as saying that the Gulf state was "still a good country in which to do business."

It gave an overall optimistic view of the banking and oil sectors, although noted a decline of the construction industry.

Meed pointed out that planning, rather than construction, would become "one of Kuwait Municipality's chief concerns in the future."

### Desire

At the same time the growing desire to preserve Kuwait's heritage was reflected in a study being prepared for the Sbarq Al-Sief area where some of the last remaining example of early architecture have survived, the publication added.

It also referred to various ambitious projects being built, including the Olympic Sports Complex, the postal service complex, and the Kuwait Waterfront Development.

On housing, the weekly lauded Kuwait's policy of providing every Kuwaiti with a private home.

By the end of the present plan the NHA should have provided 25,000 more homes and a further 25,000 would be provided under the new five year plan, it noted.

### Operations of foreign banks in India

## Government to strengthen capital base

WITH a share of 0.2 per cent in the branch network, 3.6 per cent in the working funds, foreign banks account for wobbling 27 per cent of the total published profits of Indian commercial banks. While Indian banks are roughing it out in turbulent waters of social banking, the Indian branches of foreign banks are sailing in placid climes of high profit banking, according to Financial Express.

The profitability of Indian banks has been ebbing since the last two decades. At the same time there has been a meteoric rise in the profitability of Indian branches of foreign banks. In their own countries and elsewhere, most of these banks have suffered heavy loan losses.

### Network

The profits of Indian branches has in fact zoomed during 1986 for which the published results are available. For instance, the profit of Standard Chartered Bank jumped from Rs 1.90 crores in 1985 to almost Rs 9 crores in 1986. Similarly, profits of BCCI have soared from Rs 2 crores in 1985 to Rs 8.80 crores in 1986.

At present, 20 foreign banks are operating through a network of 135 branches in 17 cities of India. Besides there are around 16 representative offices. In terms of deposits, these account for a meagre six per cent. But when it comes to profit, they constitute more than 50 per cent of

make a major thrust in non-traditional areas like non-resource banking.

The government plans to strengthen the capital base of the nationalised banks by about Rs 2,000 crores during the Seventh Plan period. It is believed that one of the main objectives of this is to shore up meagre capital/assets ratio and lend credence and strength to Indian banks in their efforts to tap the more profitable international operations.

But, the social orientation and lending are not adequate measure of the performance of the banks. Indian banks shoulder responsibilities much beyond the immediate operational horizons. They are involved in the vigorous implementation of non-visible social objectives, spread of banking to rural areas, poverty alleviation programmes and so on.

An objective assessment

besides putting the supervisory

regulators on the alert, can trigger a healthy internal and external debate.

A comparative analysis of India and foreign banks' operational results shows that while the average ratio of net profit to working funds is only 0.17 per cent in the case of nationalised banks, it is as high as 1.4 per cent in respect of Indian branches of foreign banks.

(To be continued)

Pitted against this meagre profitability of Indian banks, huge profits earned by foreign banks should be taken as curtain raiser. Unfortunately, the mandarins of the banking industry appear to maintain an ostrich-like stance. Annual reports of Indian banks speak glowingly of their high social lending, increase in the size of deposits, branch network, etc. Unlike the proverbial miniskirt, these reports conceal more than what they reveal, only fueling speculation.

At the same time, these do not place a taboo on the pursuit of profitable activities. But Indian banks abandon, as they have done, these profitable avenues to the exclusive domain of Indian branches of foreign banks. To tide over, Indian banks have to

make a major thrust in non-traditional areas like non-resource banking.

As we look out to the remainder of '88 and indeed '89 and '90, we believe that your company will continue to make good progress," Reed told shareholders.

Citcorp lost \$1.13 billion in 1987 — its first loss in 53 years — after raising its loan-loss reserves to cover shaky foreign debt by \$3 billion in May. Its action followed Brazil's decision to suspend interest payments on most of its foreign bank debt, and the rise of concessionary debt repayment plans negotiated by several developing nations.

He said that Iran would also export cars, mini-buses and industrial machinery to Bulgaria in return for materials for the Iranian tobacco industry.

During his visit, Zali, who headed a 30-member delegation to Sofia, met with the Bulgarian president, prime minister and other high-ranking officials and attended the fifth session of the joint Iran-Bulgaria economic commission.

For the first quarter, Citcorp lowered the amount held to its loan-loss reserve, to \$283 million from \$474 million a year ago.

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# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

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## LONDON

(LONDON STOCKS)

NAME	LAST	CLOSE	OPEN	NAME	LAST	CLOSE	OPEN
ABBEY LFE	277.0	278.0	276.0	280 ALLCE	704.0	702.0	600 GROUP
ADT LTD	111.0	109.0	110.0	106.0	106.0	106.0	106.0
ALD LYONS	410.0	410.0	410.0	A.B. ELECT	445.0	445.0	445.0
AMSTRAD	160.0	160.0	160.0	MAGNET	230.0	230.0	230.0
ARGYLL GP	205.0	205.0	205.0	AAH HLD	273.0	273.0	273.0
ASDA GP	174.0	174.0	174.0	MARKS+SP	181.0	181.0	181.0
BAA PP	112.0	112.0	112.0	AARONSON	128.0	128.0	128.0
BTR	243.0	243.0	243.0	ALICE OIL	192.0	190.0	190.0
BAT INDS	419.0	419.0	419.0	ALLIANCE	195.0	195.0	195.0
BARCLAYS	432.0	432.0	432.0	AMPC	314.0	314.0	314.0
BASS	856.0	856.0	856.0	ANTEL	310.0	311.0	310.0
BEAVER	182.0	182.0	182.0	APM	106.0	106.0	106.0
BECHERS	461.0	461.0	461.0	APPLEYARD	377.0	375.0	375.0
BET DRD	226.0	226.0	226.0	ARMSTRONG	375.0	375.0	375.0
BICC PLC	330.0	330.0	330.0	ARTIFICIAL	110.0	110.0	110.0
BLUE ARMY	118.0	118.0	118.0	ATTWOODS	282.0	283.0	283.0
BLUE CIRC	434.0	434.0	434.0	ATTWOODS	255.0	254.0	254.0
BOC GP	381.0	381.0	381.0	ATTWOODS	235.0	234.0	234.0
BOOTS CO	224.0	224.0	224.0	ATTWOODS	228.0	228.0	228.0
BPP INDS	78.00	78.00	78.00	ATTWOODS	227.0	227.0	227.0
BR COMM	282.0	282.0	282.0	ATTWOODS	210.0	210.0	210.0
BR AIRWAY	65.00	65.00	65.00	ATTWOODS	197.0	197.0	197.0
BR AEROSP	397.0	397.0	397.0	ATTWOODS	187.0	187.0	187.0
BR GAS GL	180.0	180.0	180.0	ATTWOODS	173.0	173.0	173.0
B.P.	275.0	275.0	275.0	ATTWOODS	160.0	160.0	160.0
B.P. NEW	78.0	78.0	78.0	ATTWOODS	160.0	160.0	160.0
BR TELCON	248.0	248.0	248.0	ATTWOODS	150.0	150.0	150.0
BRITOL	516.0	516.0	516.0	ATTWOODS	140.0	140.0	140.0
BUNZL	138.0	138.0	138.0	ATTWOODS	130.0	130.0	130.0
BURNAH OL	560.0	560.0	560.0	ATTWOODS	120.0	120.0	120.0
BURTON	246.0	246.0	246.0	ATTWOODS	110.0	110.0	110.0
CABLEWAIR	320.0	320.0	320.0	ATTWOODS	100.0	100.0	100.0
CABURYS	288.0	288.0	288.0	ATTWOODS	90.0	90.0	90.0
COATS VTY	245.0	245.0	245.0	ATTWOODS	80.0	80.0	80.0
COMM UNI	330.0	330.0	330.0	ATTWOODS	70.0	70.0	70.0
CONS GOLD	905.0	905.0	905.0	ATTWOODS	60.0	60.0	60.0
COOKSONS	553.0	553.0	553.0	ATTWOODS	50.0	50.0	50.0
COURTAULD	354.0	354.0	354.0	ATTWOODS	40.0	40.0	40.0
DALGETTY	284.0	284.0	284.0	ATTWOODS	30.0	30.0	30.0
DEE CP	184.0	184.0	184.0	ATTWOODS	20.0	20.0	20.0
DIXONS	181.5	181.5	181.5	ATTWOODS	10.0	10.0	10.0
ENG CHINA	400.0	400.0	400.0	ATTWOODS	0.0	0.0	0.0
ENTER DIL	364.5	364.5	364.5	ATTWOODS	0.0	0.0	0.0
FERRANTI	79.57	79.57	79.57	ATTWOODS	0.0	0.0	0.0
FISONS	47.50	47.50	47.50	ATTWOODS	0.0	0.0	0.0
GEN ACCID	915.0	915.0	915.0	ATTWOODS	0.0	0.0	0.0
GEN ELEC	151.0	151.0	151.0	ATTWOODS	0.0	0.0	0.0
GLAVO	966.0	966.0	966.0	ATTWOODS	0.0	0.0	0.0
GRANADA	334.0	334.0	334.0	ATTWOODS	0.0	0.0	0.0
GLOBE	137.0	137.0	137.0	ATTWOODS	0.0	0.0	0.0
GRAND NET	474.0	474.0	474.0	ATTWOODS	0.0	0.0	0.0
GUS A	375.0	375.0	375.0	ATTWOODS	0.0	0.0	0.0
GUARD RYL	896.0	896.0	896.0	ATTWOODS	0.0	0.0	0.0
GKN	296.7	296.7	296.7	ATTWOODS	0.0	0.0	0.0
GUTHNESS	297.0	297.0	297.0	ATTWOODS	0.0	0.0	0.0
HINNSRNS A	577.0	577.0	577.0	ATTWOODS	0.0	0.0	0.0
HANSON	127.5	127.5	127.5	ATTWOODS	0.0	0.0	0.0
HINGER SID	465.0	465.0	465.0	ATTWOODS	0.0	0.0	0.0
HILLSDOWN	283.0	283.0	283.0	ATTWOODS	0.0	0.0	0.0
ICI	978.0	978.0	978.0	ATTWOODS	0.0	0.0	0.0
IMI	194.0	194.0	194.0	ATTWOODS	0.0	0.0	0.0

## LONDON

(LONDON STOCKS)

NAME	LAST	CLOSE	OPEN	NAME	LAST	CLOSE	OPEN	
INCHCAPE	720.0	720.0	720.0	INDUSTRIAL	280.0	280.0	280.0	
JAGUAR	261.0	261.0	261.0	INDUS TEL	174.0	175.0	174.0	
LADBROKE	67.59	67.59	67.59	INDUS TEL	340.0	340.0	340.0	
LAND SEC'S	567.0	567.0	567.0	INDUS TEL	371.0	370.0	370.0	
LAPORTE	385.0	385.0	385.0	INDUS TEL	182.0	181.0	180.0	
LAGRO	350.0	350.0	350.0	INDUS TEL	903.0	900.0	900.0	
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BR VITA	426.0	425.0	HEYWOOD W	308.0	306.0	RUBEROID	145.0	145.0
BRAMMER	236.0	236.0	HICKS NH	174.0	175.0	RUGBY GRP	265.0	266.0
BRENT CHE	147.0	146.0	HIGGS HIL	341.0	340.0	SAGA HOL'S	179.0	178.0
BRENT MCR	355.0	355.0	HINDRSH GP	371.0	370.0	SALVESEN	158.0	158.0
BRITDON	150.0	150.0	HINTR SPHR	182.0	181.0	SAVILLE G	40.0	40.0
BRITANNIC	018.0	018.0	HOGG TST	230.0	230.0	SAYVO "A"	903.0	900.0
BRIXTON E	276.0	276.0	HOLLIS	106.0	105.0	SCHN. GLOB	205.0	205.0
BRUNNER	106.0	106.0	HOPKINSON	116.0	116.0	SCOT HERI	188.0	187.0
BSG INT'L	66.0	66.0	INTU. CH	122.0	123.0	SCOT I.T.	123.0	123.0
BULMER HP	177.0	177.0	IRSS GWNS	139.0	139.0	SCOT MET	133.0	133.0
BURGESS	230.0	230.0	HTV GROUP	219.0	220.0	SCOT MORT	100.0	100.0
CALEDONIA	344.0	345.0	IBSTOCK J	189.0	190.0	SCOT TV	378.0	373.0
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# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

## International Bond Highlights

London — The Bank of Nova Scotia, Cayman Islands branch is issuing a 200 min US dlr Eurobond due Sept 3, 1990, paying 8-3/8 pct and priced at 101 pct, lead manager Morgan Stanley International said. This confirms an earlier report by bond market sources. (RTTB 0824)

London — Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken is issuing a 200 min dlr Eurobond due May 31, 1990 paying 8-1/4 pct and priced at 101.10 pct, lead manager Credit Suisse First Boston Ltd said. (RTTD 1521)

London — The State Bank of New South Wales is issuing a 150 min Australian dlr Eurobond due May 24, 1991, paying 12-1/2 pct and priced at 101-1/2 pct, lead manager Credit Suisse First Boston Ltd said.

London — Cellular Communications Inc is issuing a 75 min dlr convertible Eurobond due May 12, 2003 with an indicated coupon range of 6-3/4 to 7-1/4 pct and par pricing, lead manager Shaarson Lehman Hutton International Ltd said. (RTVG 1058)

Duesseldorf — Denmark is issuing a 75 min Australian dlr, five-year Eurobond with a 12-1/4 pct coupon priced at 102, lead manager Westdeutsche Landesbank — Girozentrale said. (RTWW 1409)

## Interbank Rates

	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LON	8-5/8 3/8	8-1/8 8	8-1/8 8
FFT	3-15/20	3-25/30	3-35/40
ZUR	7-9/16 11/16	7-11/16 13/16	7-15/16 8-1/8
BRX	3-85	1-7/8 2-1/8	1-7/8 2-1/8
ROM	10 10-1/2	10 10-1/2	10-3/8 10-7/8
AMS	4-1/16 4-3/16	4-0/16 4-1/16	4-0/16 4-1/16
TOC	3.1250 1875	3.7500 8125	3.8750 9375
ECU	5.68 S.81	5.93 6.06	6.18 6.31

## Interest Rates

	Period	Bid	Offered
	1 month	5 1/16	5 7/16
	3 months	5 3/16	5 5/8
	6 months	5 5/16	5 3/4
	1 year	5 1/2	5 15/16

## BOMBAY

	PR CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	66.25	66	66.50	M100	462	452.50	460
ACC	149.50	156	156	GRASIM	83	84	84.50	MOCIL	435	430	437.50
ASIA PAINT	131.25	133.75	137.50	GSCF	86	87.50	88	ORKAY	20	20	21.50
BAJAJ AUTO	201.25	200	196.25	HINO LEVER	65	64.75	65	PEICO	27.50	27	27.50
BAR.RAYON	176.25	177.50	177.50	HINDALDO	73	73	73	PFIZER	54.50	54	55
BORN.DYING	119	119	120	HINDCOCA	70	70	71	PRE.AUTO	24	24.50	24.50
B.R. BOND	84.25	86	86.50	HINDMOTOR	16	16.50	16.75	RAYMOND	41.75	41.50	42.50
BSE INDEX	405.43	413.47	IND ORG	17	16.25	17	RELIANCE	87	88	94	
CENTURYSPEC	775	777.50	783.75	INDRAYON	56.50	57	57	SIEMENS	59	58	59
COLGATE	160	161	163.50	INDROL	138.75	135	138.75	SPIC	30.25	30.25	29.75
DEPARKERF	25.50	25.50	26	ITC	33	32	32.50	STOMILLS	195	191.50	200
EL.HOTEL	46	45	47	JCSYNTH	46.50	46.25	46.5	TATA PUR	187	185	188.75
ESSAR	17.50	17.50	18.50	MAHINDRA	51	50.50	51.50	TELCO	465.25	465	465
SAR. POLY	76	73	74	MASTERSHR	9.50	9.50	9.62	TISCO	673.75	681.25	685
SE.CSHIP	26.25	26.75	26.65	MATHER PL	75	73.50	77	VOLTAS	245	260	265

## TOKYO

	STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	MITSUB CP	1290	1280
AJI.NOMOTO	3460	3400	MITSUB EST	2420	2440
AKAI ELEC	630	623	MITSUB HVY	745	726
AKOI	965	970	MITSUI CO	905	892
ASAHI GAS	2000	1990	MITSUKOSHI	1750	1740
ASAUY.OPT	670	671	MITSUNI EL	1340	1320
BANK TOKYO	1370	1570	NICHICON	1430	1400
BRIGESTON	1520	1410	NIKON CHNT	782	778
CANON	1260	1260	NIKKO SEC	2040	2040
CASIO COMP	1240	1260	NIP ELEC	2140	2140
CHUGAI MFG	1703	1610	NIP KOKA	411	401
CITIZEN W	600	598	NIP OIL	1220	1220
D-ICHI KAN	3170	3170	NIP STEEL	486	476
DAI NIP IK	776	774	NIP YUSEN	624	623
DAI NIP PT	2620	2610	NIS MOTOR	930	925
DAI NIP SC	1110	1090	NONURA SEC	4240	4200
DAI NIP TO	551	537	OKINA CO	1000	1000
DAICEL	873	860	OLYMPUS	1150	1140
DAIWA-H	1830	1840	PENTA OCL	865	859
DAIGA SEC	2720	2700	PIONEER	3260	3250
DAIREI	975	975	PREMOL	968	915
EISAI	2250	2220	RICOH	1280	1280
FUJITSU	1520	1510	SANKYO	2160	2150
FUJI BANK	3350	3370	SANYO ELEC	571	568
FUJI PHOTO	4080	4010	SEIYU ST	2360	2350
FUJISAMA	2200	2160	SEKISUI PB	2020	2010
FUJITA CP	754	749	SHARP	1060	1090
HITACHI	1440	1440	SHISEIDO	1940	1980
HONDA MOT	1800	1780	SONY	5450	5450
ISETAN	1630	1590	SUMITOMO	1130	1130
ITO YOKADO	4610	4600	TAISEI	967	970
JAP SYN R	1000	989	TAISHO MRN	1180	1160
JAPAN AIR	14700	14600	TAKEDA CH	3050	3040
JAPAN MET.	557	546	TEIJIN	823	818
KAJIMA	1610	1620	TOK NEW IX	162.44	150.89
KANSAI EL	2950	2970	TOKIO NRN	2110	2110
KAO SOAP	1980	1980	TOKYO ELEC	1180	1190
KAWASAKI H	381	384	TOKYO GAS	1100	1110
KAWASAKI S	389	380	TOKYO POWR	6190	6050
KIRIN BREW	2370	2360	TORAY IND	825	815
KOMATSU	661	653	TOSHIBA EL	810	803
KUBATO LTD	700	700	TOTO	2500	2500
KYOCERA	5500	5500	TOYO KOGYO	495	485
MAKITA EL	1790	1780	TOYOTA MOT	2380	2360
MARU	3260	3200	YAMAHA	1370	1340
MATSUTA EI	2700	2700	YAMATI	2110	2120
MATSUTA EL	0	2660	YAMANOUCHI	4380	4350
MEIJI SEIK	975	985	YAMAZAKI	1670	1610

## Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE HIGHER IN ACTIVE TRADE

TOKYO, APRIL 20, REUTER - SHARE PRICES CLOSED HIGHER DUE TO ACTIVE BARGAIN-HUNTING FOLLOWING THREE DOWNWARD SESSIONS HERE, WITH BULLISHNESS PREVAILING DESPITE A FLOUNDERING YEN AND DOLLAR, BROKERS SAID.

"THE TOKYO MARKET HAS COME OFF QUITE A BIT," SAID STEPHEN CODRINGTON, HEAD OF EQUITIES AT JARDINE FLEMING. "INVESTORS, WITH A LOT OF CASE ARE LOOKING TO COME INTO THE MARKET AT ANY WEAKNESS."

THE NIKKEI INDEX CLIMBED 207.09 POINTS, OR 0.75 PCT., TO 26,864.09. IT SHED 14.65 POINTS ON TUESDAY. RISES LED FALLS TWO TO ONE IN VOLUME OF ONE BILLION SHARES AGAINST 600 MIL.

PHARMACEUTICAL, COMMUNICATIONS, NON-LIFE INSURANCE, SECURITIES HOUSE, RUBBER, FOOD, RAILWAY/BUS, STEEL, GLASS/CEMENT, RETAIL, AUTO AND SOME MANUFACTURING ISSUES LED THE ADVANCE.

CREDIT/LEASE, MINING, OIL, REAL ESTATE AND LAND TRANSPORTATION SHARES DECLINED.

WHILE THERE IS STILL A LACK OF MARKET DIRECTION, THREE DAYS WORTH OF LOSSES TOTALLING 454.35 POINTS ENDED

INVESTORS, BROKERS SAID. DESPITE RECENT FRICITION IN THE GULF AND A WALL STREET PREOCCUPIED BY THE POSSIBILITY OF RISING INTEREST RATES, SENTIMENT WERE REMAINED POSITIVE.

"TOKYO IS OUTPERFORMING MOST OTHER MARKETS," SAID BROKER YOZO ASAI OF YAMAIKI SECURITIES. "JAPANESE ECONOMIC FUNDAMENTALS ARE CONTINUING STRONG."

INDIVIDUALS, SECURITIES HOUSES AND INVESTMENT TRUSTS WERE THE MAIN BUYERS, AND A GREAT DEAL OF TRADE WAS CENTERED ON SPECULATIVE ISSUES, BROKERS SAID.

DOMESTIC INSTITUTIONS CONTINUE TO KEEP LOW PROFILES ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN SOME ACTIVITY BY TRUST BANKS. THESE INSTITUTIONS ARE CASH-LADEN BUT TEND TO BE CAUTIOUS, BROKERS SAID, AND MAY WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE GOLDEN WEEK HOLIDAY IN EARLY MAY BEFORE COMING BACK IN.

BY RICHARD L. BROWN, ASSOCIATED PRESS

APRIL 20, 1988

## BUSINESS

**Gold prices rise**

LONDON, April 20. (AP): The dollar was nearly motionless in dull European trading late this morning.

**Gold prices rose.**

Dealers said they didn't expect much movement during the rest of the session unless the report on the US consumer price index (CPI), to be released later today, contains surprises.

"The dollar is incredibly stable," one Milan trader said. "The market is dead, there's no doubt about that, but the possibility of central bank intervention and the Gulf situation is supporting it," he said.

### Higher

He predicted that "sooner or later the market will push the dollar lower," but that in the short run the dollar was likely to remain stuck in a very tight range.

If the price index report for March shows that US inflation is picking up, US interest rates likely will rise and dollar could move higher, traders said.

If the index rises the expected 0.4 per cent or less, the dollar is likely to resume its decline, traders said.

In Tokyo, the US dollar

remained little changed against the Japanese yen in morning trading, while stock prices posted a healthy gain.

On the Tokyo Stock Exchange, the Nikkei stock average of 225 selected issues, which shed a modest 14.45 points yesterday, gained 162.69 points; or 0.6 per cent, to end the morning session at 26,819.69.

"Domestically, there is nothing to cause uneasiness among investors, such as the possibility of restriction of margin transactions," said Hiromi Yoneyama of Wako Securities.

Although share prices finished lower on Wall Street overnight, the stable US currency boosted the Tokyo Market, he added.

### Active

Trading was moderately active and was led by large capital issues. Volume in the first section stood at 480 million shares against 600 million shares traded during all of yesterday.

Traders said selling pressure pushed the dollar below the 124.00 yen-level at one point during the trading, but was later supported by modest intervention from the Bank of Japan.

The central bank does not

officially comment on its market activity.

Other dollar rates at mid-morning, compared with late yesterday:

— 1.6615 West German marks, down from 1.6625

— 1.3741 Swiss francs, down from 1.3752

— 5.6440 French francs, down from 5.6465

— 1.8636 Dutch guilders, down from 1.8642

— 1.235.25 Italian lire, down from 1.235.75

— 1.2297 Canadian dollars, down from 1.2337

In London, the British pound was quoted at \$1.8950, stronger than \$1.8930 yesterday.

Gold opened in London at a bid price of \$457.30 a troy ounce, compared with late yesterday's \$456.50. At mid-morning today, the city's five major bullion dealers fixed a recommended price of \$458.00.

In Zurich, the bid price was \$457.80, up from \$457.00 late yesterday.

Earlier in Hong Kong, gold rose \$1.35 to close at a bid of \$458.94.

Silver was quoted in London today at a bid price of \$6.49 a troy ounce, up from yesterday's

\$6.46. Asian and Pacific stock markets went their different ways today, focussing more on local factors than on fears about the dollar and Wall Street, which dipped slightly below the 2,000 point mark yesterday.

"The Tokyo market has come off quite a bit," said Stephen Codrington, head of equities at Jardine Fleming. "Investors with a lot of cash are looking to come into the market at any weakness."

Brokers said that while there was still a lack of market direction, three days worth of losses totalling 454.35 points enticed investors.

Sentiment in Tokyo remained positive, despite friction in the Gulf and a Wall Street preoccupied by the possibility of rising interest rates.

### Strong

"Tokyo is outperforming most other markets," said broker Yozo Asai of Yamaichi Securities. "Japanese economic fundamentals are continuing strong."

Hong Kong stocks were also looking stronger in afternoon trading on the back of market

rumours that Hong Kong tycoons were going to take a large stake in Hong Kong Land.

Australian shares slumped on news the nation's overall account in goods and services had risen to 1.8 billion Australian dollars in March from \$802 million in February. The All Ordinaries index fell 22 points to close at 1,430.4.

A late round of selling pushed Hong Kong's Hang Seng index down by 15.49 points to 2,578 at closing.

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Profit-taking emerged in the afternoon in the absence of any confirmation from the company.

London's FTSE index of 100 blue chip shares was up just 0.7 at 1,799.6 points by 0945 GMT in hesitating trade. Shares were steady in early Frankfurt business while the French market slipped.

The price of North Sea crude oil eased. Oil from the Brent field for June delivery traded at \$16.91 a barrel, 60 cents below Monday's prices.

## Chinese consumers clean out shops in reaction to inflation

BEIJING, April 20. (Reuters): Widespread panic buying and hoarding in reaction to the worst bout of inflation in China since the Communists came to power in 1949 has cleaned out some shops, forcing them to close.

The national press today gave the sombre statistics about inflation in the first quarter — vegetable prices in major cities rose 49 per cent, with prices of non-essential foodstuffs up more than 24 per cent. This despite official pledges to keep price rises below 10 per cent.

The official China Consumer Daily this week reported panic buying in several provinces with consumer fearing worse rises ahead. Some shops have been cleaned out and been forced to close, it said.

### Sales

It said subsidies would begin in Beijing within one or two months.

But subsidies of 10 yuan (\$2.70) a month to workers are too little and should be paid to everyone, not only those who hold state jobs, the consumers' rights group said.

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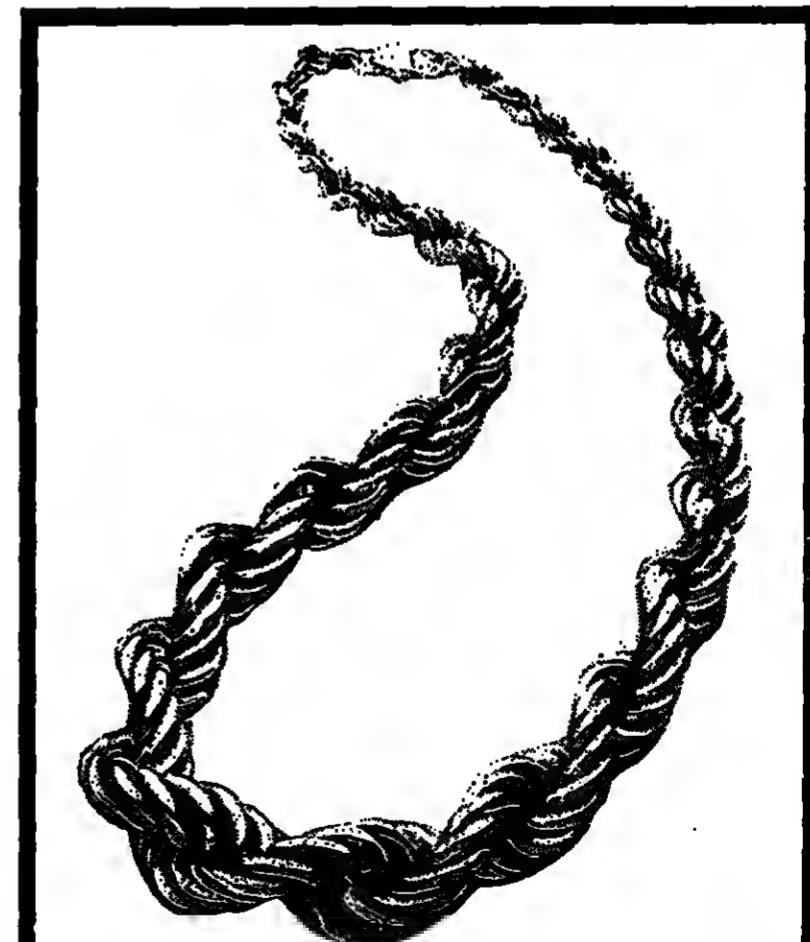
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## SPORTS

### Baltimore tie record for losses

MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 20. (AP): Baltimore tied a Major League record with its 13th straight loss from the start of the season last night as Paul Molitor hit a three-run homer to help the Milwaukee Brewers beat the Orioles 9-5.

The visiting Orioles equalled the losing streaks of the Washington Senators in 1904 and the Detroit Tigers in 1920.

The franchise record for consecutive defeats is 14. Once in Baltimore in 1954, and twice when the team was based in St Louis.

Baltimore, struggling to score runs and with a .186 team batting average entering the game, took a 3-0 lead in the first inning, but then collapsed in the field en route to its seventh straight loss under manager Frank Robinson. Robinson took over for Cal Ripken Sr., who was fired last week.

"We played good baseball for four games and what we had won't done is hit. Tonight we go out and score three, and give them two right back and it's down hill from there," Robinson said.

The Orioles committed four errors, including three in a three-inning fifth inning, as four of the Brewers' runs were unearned.

Orioles starter Mark Thibault, 0-2, couldn't hold the early 3-0 lead and the Brewers went ahead 5-3 to the second when Molitor hit his first homer of the season, a 430-foot shot to left field.

"I think it's overrated. We're going out and playing as hard as we can. We're trying to make positive things happen," Thibault said.

Indians 3, Indians 0: Jose Guzman pitched six shutout innings and Larry Parrish drove in two runs with a bases-loaded single as Texas beat Cleveland 3-0, ending the Indians' five-game winning streak.

The loss was only the second in the last 13 games for the Indians, who at 11-3 are off to their best start since 1966.

Guzman, 2-1, struck out three and walked one and allowed only four singles in six innings despite having been bothered by the flu for several days. Rookie Jose Cedeno pitched 2 1/3 innings and Mitch Williams got the last two outs for his fifth save.

Hawks 12, Royals 3: Jesse Barfield hit a Grand slam to cap a seven-run third inning and Jim Clancy fed a club record with 12 strikeouts, leading Toronto over Kansas City Royals 12-3.

Clancy, 1-2, tied the mark established by Pete Vuckovich versus Baltimore on July 26, 1977. Clancy pitched seven innings and allowed six hits.

Bret Saberhagen, 1-2, pitched our innings and allowed five hits.

Red Sox 7, Tigers 3: Roger Clemens struck out 11 in eight innings as Boston beat Detroit and Jack Morris 7-3.

Clemens, 3-0, allowed seven hits en route to his first career victory at Tiger stadium. Clemens struck out 10 for the third time in four starts and leads the American League with 44 strikeouts.

**Results**

National League	Central	East	West
Atlanta	9 Chicago	1	
Pittsburgh	3 St. Louis	0	
Cincinnati	6 San Francisco	0	
Philadelphia	10 New York	2	
Atlanta	5 Houston	4	
American League			
Milwaukee	9 Baltimore	5	
Texas	3 Cleveland	0	
Seattle	7 Detroit	3	
Colorado	12 Kansas City	3	
Chicago	7 Seattle	2	
Oakland	8 California	3	

### Lendl back on court after two months

## Becker and Sanchez upset in Open

MONTE CARLO, April 20. (Reuter): Boris Becker tumbled out of the Monte Carlo Open in his first match for the second successive year yesterday, a victim of competition! Czechoslovak Marian Vajda and problems of concentration in his adopted Mediterranean home.

Vajda snipped a late revival by the former Wimbledon champion, who rallied to square the match after all had seemed lost in the second set, but crumpled in the third in line their second round contest 6-3 5-7 6-1.

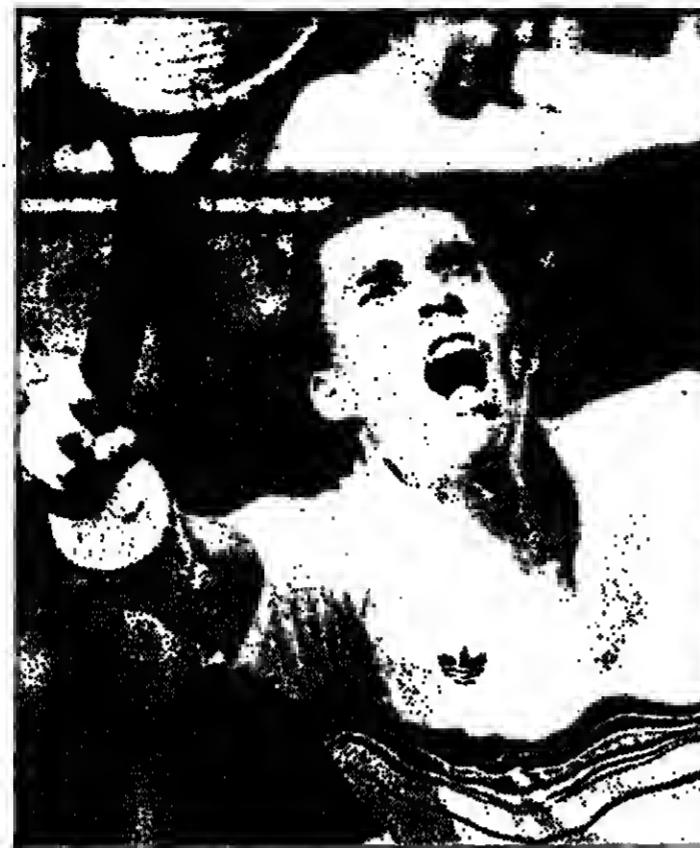
Sweden's Joakim Nystrom, Monte Carlo champion in 1986, reached the third round with a 6-3 7-6 victory over Michiel Schapers of the Netherlands along with compatriot Ulf Stenlund, a semifinalist last year, and Frenchman Henri Leconte, victor of the Nice Open last Sunday.

Exit

But eighth-seeded Emilio Sanchez of Spain passed through the exit door like third seed Becker, beaten 6-3 6-3 by the West German's compatriot Tare McIntosh.

Becker, bundled out in straight sets by American Jimmy Arias last year, looked destined for a similarly rapid eclipse when Vajda swept to a 4-1 lead in the second set with two service breaks and moved to within two points of victory at 5-4.

But Becker turned the match round, reeling off five straight games to take the second set and a 1-0 lead in the decisive third as he began to hit the ball with more of his customary vigour and stemmed a flow of errors.



Lendl wins doubles match

Vajda, however, refused to be overrun, patiently pieced back together the solid game which had wobbled so well until Becker's revival, and denied the new World Championship Tennis (WCT) tournament victor a single game more.

Becker, who showed his frustration in several angry outbursts, said the demands of Monte Carlo had made it hard to concentrate.

"The problem was I had to do so many things here," he said, listing contractual demands, press interviews and attending the draw among them.

"I was playing tennis but my mind wasn't so much there. My firehand wasn't good. The guy played very well, but it's more in my mind than his playing... I just couldn't get my game together."

Vajda, racked 42nd in the world, revealed afterwards that he had suffered stomach trouble two days ago and had been sick all night before Monday's first round match against Australian Mark Woodforde.

"Boris didn't play a tactical game. I played a little better tactically. I was more patient in the rallies, maybe that's the reason I won," he said.

"I felt I could hit the ball 100 times over the net and I couldn't miss... Boris is a typical grass-court and hardcourt player. It's difficult for him."

Asked how long he expected it would take to get back in form, he replied: "Maybe one set, maybe three weeks. You never know, it depends on luck a little bit also."

Eroded

The reigning French and US Open champion has seen his lead at the top of the world rankings eroded in his absence by Sweden's Mats Wilander, but believes the lay-off might prove a benefit.

"It may have helped me in the long run. I had the same rest last year because of knee surgery. I came back and played really well. I haven't scaled down my goals at all. I'll just try to win as many tournaments as I can."

Lendl, playing in Monte Carlo for the first time since he won the title in 1985, entered the singles fray this evening against Swedish qualifier Christian Bergstrom, ranked 92nd in the world.



Navratilova: had an easy time

## Navratilova thrashes Budarova in opener

HOUSTON, April 20. (AP): Top-seeded Martina Navratilova overpowered Iva Budarova of Czechoslovakia 7-5, 6-1 last night in a first-round match at the \$250,000 Virginia Slims-Houston tennis tournament.

Navratilova needed only a little more than an hour to beat Budarova for the sixth consecutive time. She has lost only once in 13 sets.

### Rebounded

Earlier yesterday, second-seeded Chris Evert lost her serve in the first game of the match but rebounded to beat Maria Lindstrom of Sweden 6-2 6-2 in a first-round match.

Evert beat Navratilova in the second game of the final set and took a 3-0 lead.

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game, aided by the first of three double faults by Lindstrom in the match, and broke her again in the fourth and eighth games in end the first set.

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After returning two overheads by Lindstrom, Evert took the set to match point with a forehand passing shot and on the next point, Lindstrom hit a forehand into the net to end it.

In other first round matches seventh-seeded Patricia Tarashini of Argentina defeated Andrea Holikova of Czechoslovakia, 6-1, 6-3. Dinky van Rensburg, South Africa, beat Donna Faber of the United States, 5-7, 6-3, 6-3 and Carrie Cunningham defeated fellow American Tammy Whittington, 6-2, 7-5.

## Salov draws level with Karpov after 15th round

BRUSSELS, April 20. (AP): Valery Salov moved level on-point with fellow Soviet Anatoly Karpov after the 15th round of the chess World Cup yesterday, but Karpov remains the tournament favourite because he has one extra game to play.

### Record

The past four races have included a stop in the South African port of Cape Town, but this has been dropped for political reasons, race committee chairman Rear Admiral Charles Williams said.

### Internazionale

MILAN, Italy, April 20. (AP): Italian Major League Internazionale of Milan is seeking Algerian striker Rabah Madjer for the next season but negotiations are being hampered by an existing general agreement for the transfer of Porto's striker to Bayern Munich.

"We would like to sign Madjer, but we don't want to get involved in a controversy with Bayern," a spokesman for the Milanese soccer club said today.

"If Bayern gives up its option on Madjer we are ready to sign him," the spokesman added.

Lotter has been trying to avoid any controversy with Bayern as it is negotiating with the German club's transfer of midfielder Lothar Matthaus.

The German national will sign a three-year contract with the Milaese club tomorrow.

The Swiss winner of the 1985 race, Pierre Fehlmann, has already entered the 1989 contest. Last time Fehlmann finished in a record 117 days in the Ubs Switzerland.

British pop singer Simon le Bon and his boat Drum attracted considerable publicity for the 1985 race. Race organisers say skipper Novak, who skippered Drum, is the top American challenger for 1989.

The smallest yacht to enter so far is the 51 foot 15.5 metre La Poste, crewed by French postmen.

To the other games, Viktor Korchnoi, a Soviet defector who now plays for Switzerland defeated Jesus Nogueiras of Cuba, but remained in 15th place.

The game between fourth placed Alexander Beliavsky and Ljubojevic of Yugoslavia ended in a draw as did the encounter between Yugoslav grandmaster Predrag Nikolic and Mikhail Tal of the Soviet Union.

The game between Andrei Sokolov of the Soviet Union and Dutch grandmaster Jan Timman was adjourned with Sokolov a pawn ahead in an endgame.

## Capri outclass Siddique for title

CAPRI Cricket Club defeated Siddique XI by 30 runs in the finals of the Capri Cricket League Tournament to take the crown earlier this week at the Fahheel Industrial Area ground.

Capri's skipper Tauseef won the toss and opted to make first use of the wicket. This decision seemed to pay dividends as Capri started on a good note through Adnan and Raju who put on 30 runs for the first wicket before the latter was bowled by Amjad for 14.

### Accurate

Bitto joined Adnan and both the batsmen played cautiously against some tight and accurate bowling from the Siddique XI players. Adnan and Bitto put on 17 runs for the second wicket before Adnan, trying to play across the line of the ball, was bowled for 35 with the total score 177.

A middle-order collapse followed in which Capri lost three quick wickets and Capri seemed to be in some sort of trouble at 97 for the loss of their top five batsmen. Bitto Singh, however, seemed to be keeping his end intact.

Sajid (30), with two sixes, and Sajid (21) gave Bitto Singh



Bitto Singh (left) receives the Man of the Match award.

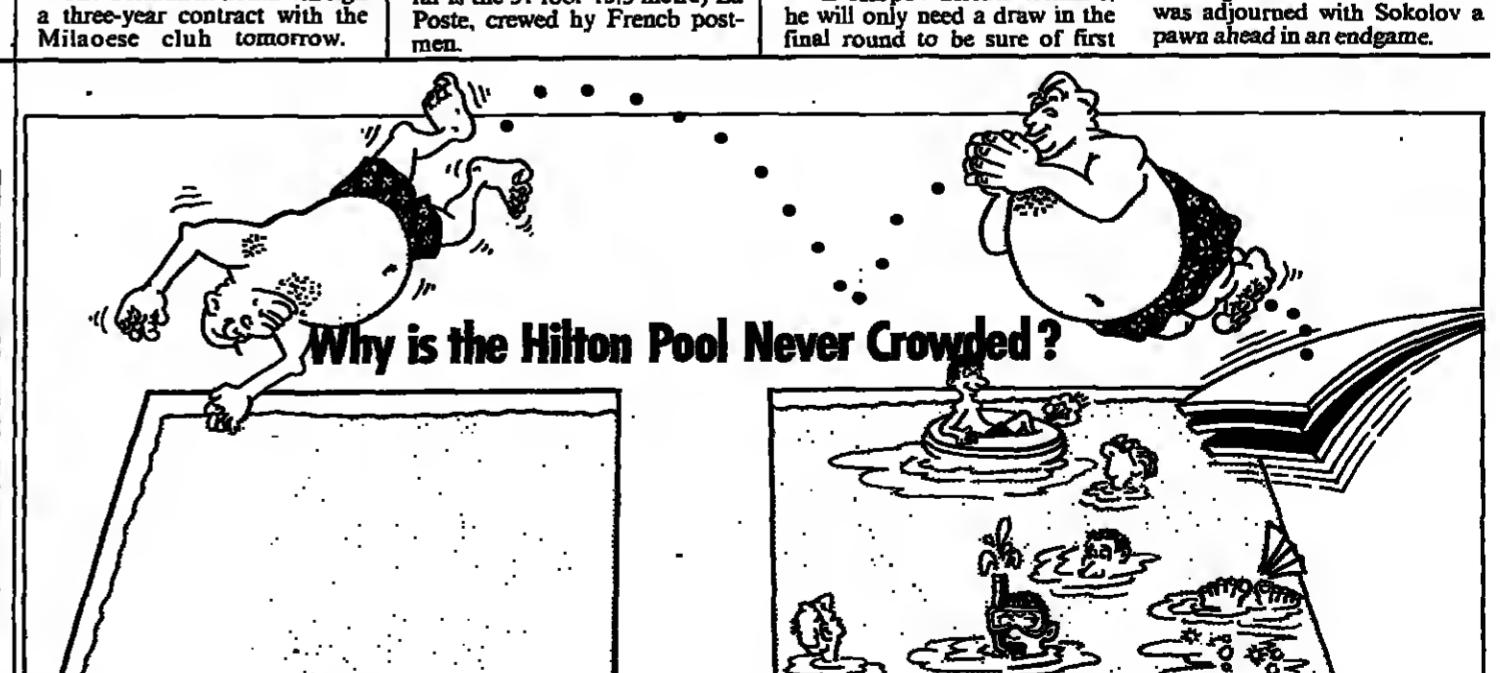
some good support to take Capri's score to 197 in 28 overs. Bitto top-scored with 76 which included two sixes and five fours.

For Siddique, Tariq, Khalid and Mukesh bowled well to take two wickets each.

Bitto, requiring seven runs

per over, started their innings on an aggressive note with Amjad and Tariq putting on 35 runs in only four overs. But after this initial burst, the wickets started falling at regular intervals and Siddique were only able to score 167 for the loss of seven wickets.

Bitto Singh was named Man of the Match.



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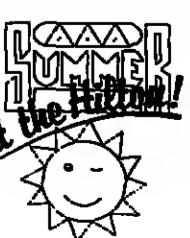
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## SPORTS

MIANDAD HAMMERS FINE CENTURY

## Pakistan hold West Indies to draw

PART OF SPAIN, April 20, (Reuter): Pakistani number-eleven Abdul Qadir kept out the last five balls of the last over, bowled by Viv Richards, to prevent a dramatic last-minute victory for West Indies in the second Test here yesterday.

When the last of the mandatory 20 overs began, West Indies still needed two wickets with Pakistan on 341 for 8, having given up chasing their target of 372. But Salim Yousuf, who had been batting without any real difficulty for over 21 overs, lost his concentration and was lbw to a Richards full toss for 35.

**Threatened**

Qadir, however, showed great composure in playing out Richards' over to save the game for Pakistan, who had at one stage threatened to win it.

When Javed Miandad and Ijaz Ahmed were at the crease, having guided Pakistan to 282-5, only 90 runs more were required with 22 overs remaining.

Javed's magnificent 102, scored off 265 balls, was another remarkable exhibition of concentration. He hit only eight fours and a five but accumulated

his runs remorselessly after lunch, having added only 22 runs in the morning to his overnight 19.

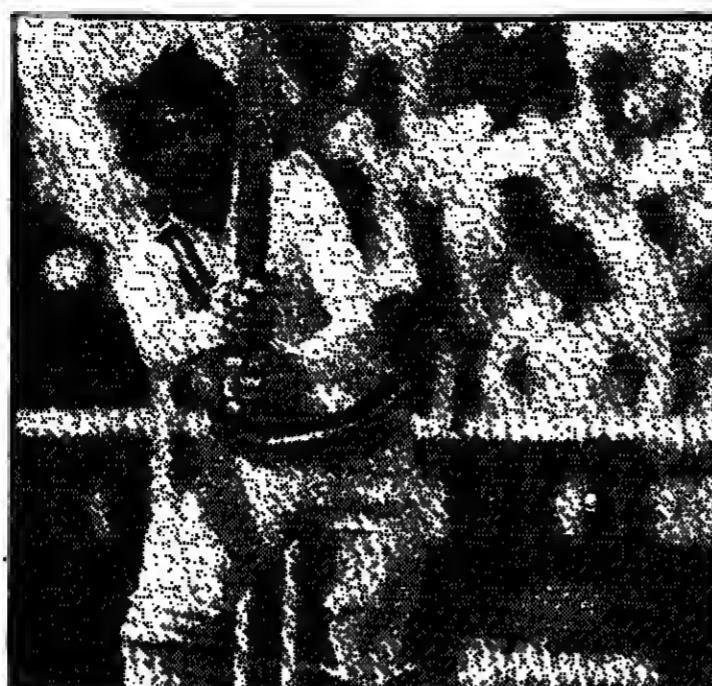
The morning session had not gone well for the West Indies who bowled waywardly and also conceded 24 extras. Pakistan managed to add only 60 in 23 overs bowled losing Salim Malik who offered no stroke to Courtney and was lbw for 30 when the ball cut back.

Imran Khan, however, was dismissed third ball after lunch when he edged a ball from Winston Benjamin that swung away late. Dujon took the catch.

Ijaz Ahmed was lucky to survive a distinctly nervous start but grew in confidence and stayed with Javed for 155 minutes adding 113 of which Ijaz contributed 43.

Ijaz was brilliantly stumped by Dujon down the leg side off Viv Richards, who had bravely brought himself on to break the partnership.

Javed's marathon 436 minute innings, however, ended in the next over when he was caught low at first slip by Richards off Curtly Ambrose, who bowled a



Miandad: magnificent 102

superb spell after tea. The West Indies captain, having taken the catch, ran all the way to the boundary, no doubt as relieved as he was jubilant.

When, immediately after, the

Faqib then defended bravely until Richards' dramatic final over.

## Scoreboard

WEST INDIES first innings 174 (V. Richards 49, Inras 4-38, Qadir 4-83).

PAKISTAN first innings 194 (S. Malik 66, Marshall 4-55).

WEST INDIES second innings 391 (V. Richards 123, J. Dujon 106 n.o., Inras 5-115).

PAKISTAN second innings:

Rameez c Richards b Marshall ... 44

Modassar c Dujon b Benjamin ... 13

Shoaib Mohammad b Benjamin ... 0

Miadad c Richards b Ambrose ... 102

Salim Malik lbw b Walsh ... 30

Imran Khan c Dujon b Benjamin ... 1

Ijaz Ahmed st Dujon b Richards ... 43

Saleem Yousaf lbw b Richards ... 35

Wasim Akram c Richardson

b Marshall ... 2

Ijaz Faqib not out ... 10

Abdul Qadir not out ... 0

Extras (b17, lb17, ab25, w2) ... 61

Total (for nine wickets) ... 341

Fall: 1-60, 2-62, 3-67, 4-153, 5-169, 6-

282, 7-288, 8-311, 9-340

Bowling: Marshall 30-4-85-2,

Ambrose 30-7-62-1, Walsh 29-8-52-1,

Benjamin 32-9-73-3, Hooper 4-1-18-

0, Richards 4-1-17-2.

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## Botham ends trek in Turin

TURIN, Italy, April 20. (AP): An English cricket star who retraced the ancient Alpine trail of Hannibal and his elephants to promote leukemia research, finished his trek here yesterday afternoon.

Ian Botham and his Indian elephants; Dido and Tali, marched into this northern industrial city about 4:30 p.m. (1430 GMT), concluding a 500-mile, 21-day crossing of the Alps that began March 29 in Perpignan, France.

Escorted by mounted police, Botham and his elephants marched through the historic centre where they were greeted by mayor Maria Magnani Nova, and a crowd of about 750 people.

But unlike Hannibal's beasts, Botham's elephants rode most of the way in a truck, walking only through the inhabited towns on the trip.

## Swear

Hannibal, who was born in 247, was forced by his father, a high-ranking Carthaginian general, to swear his eternal hostility to Rome. He became the commander of the Carthaginian Army at age 26. Then five years later, he left with infantry, cavalry and 38 elephants to conquer the Alps.

In the difficult crossing of the Alps, Hannibal had to overcome constant guerrilla attacks, a dangerous route and treacherous weather. Five months after his departure from Cartagena, with only half his men and animals left, he reached what is now Turin and stormed the city.

The trip was Botham's trek designed to raise money for leukemia research. He hopes it will raise £5 million (£9 million).

## W. Germany braces for invasion of fans



DUESSELDORF, West Germany, April 20, (Reuter): If soccer thugs want a fight, West Germany won't be the place for it.

That's the message West German officials are sending out as they brace themselves for the invasion of tens of thousands of fans from seven countries for the European Championship finals in June.

"Ninety-nine per cent of the fans will be coming for sheer love and enthusiasm for the game," said Wolfgang Niersbach, spokesman for the organising committee which has put together an unprecedented package of measures to combat hooliganism. "The other one per cent is not going to have it easy."

Of the 15 matches spread over eight cities between June 10 and 25, the one which most worries organisers is the England-Netherlands tie in Dusseldorf.

## Proved

English clubs have been barred from European Football Union (UEFA) competition since riots killed 39 people at the 1985 European Cup final between Liverpool and Juventus in the Heysel stadium in Brussels.

Death gangs, using homemade bombs filled with glass and razor blades, have proved that the violence once dubbed "the English disease" is no longer confined to one side of the North Sea and fans in Spain and Italy have also been regularly involved in fighting.

Organisers, blaming a lack of segregation of rival fans for the Heysel disaster, plan to deploy

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## De Savary not allowed to challenge for Cup

San Diego, April 20. (Reuter): Sail America Foundation, manager of the San Diego Yacht Club's defence of the America's Cup, yesterday denied reports it has agreed to allow Briton Peter de Savary to challenge for the Cup in September.

The winner would meet Stars and Stripes for the American Cup.

De Savary's Blue Arrow Challenge Syndicate, representing the Royal Burnham Yacht Club, lost a bid in New York Supreme Court earlier this month that Sail America be forced to allow the Briton to challenge for the Cup.

De Savary's suit had asked the court to delay the event until 1989, so he would have time to build a boat.

The court said, however, nothing prevented San Diego and New Zealand from agreeing to allow other challengers to be included. The court encouraged them to add entrants "in the interest of sportsmanship and for the good of the America's Cup."

**Demolishing**

New Zealand claims San Diego may not defend with the catamaran it is building because New Zealand maintains that as the challenger its choice of a monobull stands.

Sail America officials were holding meetings to discuss whether the America's Cup regatta this September will have a second challenger for the Cup, yachting's most prestigious trophy.

De Savary has asked Sail America to allow him to bring a high-tech, 90-foot hydrofoil to San Diego in time for a challenger series against New Zealander Michael Fay's 90-foot monohull.

If De Savary is allowed to enter the series -- between the New Zealand's Mercury Bay Boating Club and the San Diego Yacht Club, which holds the Cup -- the

## New job for Michel Platini

GENEVA, April 20. (Reuter): Michel Platini, captain of 1984 European champions France, will play a new role as the European Football Union (UEFA)'s ambassador during this year's championships in West Germany.

He will also combine the post of technical adviser to UEFA president Jacques Georges for the June tournament.

Platini, spearheading a campaign against drugs and doping in sport, is expected to join UEFA's technical committee after their June congress.

## Long condemns selectors

LONDON, April 20. (Reuter): Marathon runner Dave Long today condemned Britain's athletics selectors for not choosing him to run in the Seoul Olympic Games and instead going for Olympic bronze medallist Charlie Spedding.

On Sunday, Long, 27, had come in fifth place ahead of Spedding in the official Olympic trial, the London marathon, and as the third Briton to finish assumed he would be automatically selected for the Olympic team.

Long's time was the first marathon record set by an African since 1964, when Abebe Bikila of Ethiopia ran the Tokyo marathon in 2:12:12.

Since Bikila, although African runners dominated other athletics disciplines, they were rarely the first to cross the finish line in marathons.

**Guaranteed**

Lebow said that in the last several years greater emphasis has been placed on marathon training in Africa, and the environment there is almost guaranteed to give African runners an edge.

"They are training at a very high altitude, they are eating a lot of grains," said Lebow. "We have to assume that the elevation, the diet has a lot to do with it."

Lebow said he was particularly impressed with Hussein and Ikanga. "They are both very smart. They are two of the smartest runners I have ever seen."

● Scottish runner Raymond Hubbard holds up his three marathon medals and his running shoes after he arrived back in Scotland. Hubbard ran three marathons in three days. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Conservatives urge BAAB to ignore IAAF instructions

## Thatcher speaks in support of Budd

LONDON, April 20, (AP): Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, in her first public comment on the affair, yesterday denounced as "repugnant" efforts by the leaders of world track and field to put an end to the running career of South African-born Zola Budd.

As she spoke, most of Thatcher's fellow Conservatives urged British track authorities to ignore a mandate to ban Budd for at least a year, while the same number of opponents from the Labour party signed a motion urging them to punish her.

**Restricts**

At prime minister's question time in the House of Commons, the elected lower house, Thatcher repeated Britain's commitment to the Gleneagles agreement, which restricts sporting links with South Africa.

But she came out unequivocally in support of 21-year-old Budd, who became a British subject four years ago, being allowed to pursue her running career.

**Chance**

"I sincerely hope the two Koreas can sort out their differences and we can then take part. With our athletes' form we have a good chance of winning," he said.

**Former champion**

COPENHAGEN, April 20, (UPI): Former European heavyweight champion Anders Eklund of Sweden has left his Danish manager Mogens Palle to look for a new promoter in the United States. Swedish newspaper reported yesterday.

**Title bout**

TOKYO, April 20, (AP): Champion Leo Gomez of Venezuela and Japanese challenger Kenji Yokozawa passed their physical examinations today and were declared fit for their World Boxing Association minimum-weight title bout in Tokyo.

**Lucio Lopez**

BUENOS AIRES, April 20, (Reuter): Argentine challenger Lucio "Machinegun" Lopez yesterday said world bantamweight title holder Miguel "Happy" Lora of Colombia is afraid of him. "Lora is scared of me. I intend to win by a knock out," said Lopez.

**Swedish squad**

STOCKHOLM, April 20, (UPI): Sweden yesterday nominated a squad including eight professionals for the friendly soccer match against Wales April 27, but missing were two injured professional strikers and goalkeeper Jan Moller, who has ended his international career.

**Michael Dokes**

NEW YORK, April 20, (UPI): Former heavyweight champion Michael Dokes will meet James Pritchard and Edwin Rosario will fight for the first time since losing his lightweight title eight months ago on April 28 at New York's Felt Forum, promoters said yesterday.

**Hussein crossing the finish line**

in her homeland since emigrating to Britain in March, 1984, claims she was only a spectator at a domestic South African meet in June last year.

But the IAAF's 23-member ruling council, while admitting that Budd did not run and had broken no rules, said she had "taken part" just by being there and had broken, at the very least, "the spirit of the rules."

As the affair spilled into the British parliament, Conservative lawmakers signed a motion urging Thatcher to call on the BAAB to reject the IAAF council recommendation.

## Victim